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SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR MODEL PILOTS

THIS may look like an authentic aircraft - but in fact it is a small scale replica which has been cleared for take-off from an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Now model aircraft enthusiasts are celebrating after winning permission from Swale council chiefs to use the field near Stalisfield as a launch pad for their hobby. FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 2.

BY GARETH ARNOLD

CAMPAIGNERS have won their fight against a 27-acre polytunnel scheme in Hernhill after it was turned down by Swale council.

Boxer Barry McGuigan spearheaded the high-profile battle against the plans, which would have seen polytunnels up to five-metres high built for eight months of the year in a field north west of the Thanet Way.

At a meeting at Swale House last Thursday, members decided it was not in the interests of the local community to allow the plans to go ahead.

Protesters objected to the visual impact of the development, as well as a risk of flooding, calling it "an eyesore that would ruin the look of the area".

Hernhill Nurseries, which made the application, wanted to grow strawberries under the polytunnels, and says the development would have created 180 new jobs, and brought "great benefits" to the local economy.

The company, which grows 1,200 tonnes of strawberries a year on 15 hectares and employs 20 people, said it is disappointed by the decision.

Benefits

It had wanted to expand production using plastic polytunnels to protect the crop and increase the yield by extending the growing season.

In a statement, Jason Davies-Baker, site director for Hernhill Nurseries, said: "We felt we put forward a considerable and sustainable planning application that would have brought some great benefits to the local economy.

"However, we respect the council's decision and we will now go back and assess our options about how best to ensure the long-term prosperity of the business.

"An appeal to the planning inspectorate would have to be lodged if we want to expand."

The planning application is a result of a controversial ruling in 2006 when the High Court decided planning permission was needed before polytunnels could be built.

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TAKE OFF: North Downs Model Flying Club has been told it can continue to use a field at Stalisfield

Model plane pilots will not be grounded

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

ONE of the last things you would expect to see when strolling through countryside south of Faversham, is under-sized aeronautical acrobatics.

Yet this seems likely to remain a fixture as Swale council has recommended the North Downs Model Flying Club be allowed to continue flying large model aircraft in a field near Stalisfield, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The model club has been engaging in diminutive dogfights at the site for three years after Swale council originally granted permission with heavy restrictions on engine size and flying times, due to concerns from neighbours about noise.

The regulations have not stopped enthusiastic aviators flying radio controlled aircraft up to 7kg, and some neighbours have found the aerobatics annoying.

One resident complained that the matter is "out of control", arguing the aircraft ruin the tranquillity of the area and have even lowered property values.

But North Downs Model Flying Club has defended its right to the continue using the land.

Member Bob Hills said: "The Area

of Outstanding Natural Beauty is actually not just for the residents but for everybody, and everybody is entitled to use it.

"You have to tolerate other people wherever you live or whatever line of work you're in.

"We'll be pleased if we can have our planning permission. Most of our group are elderly retired people. Model flying helps with coordination - it's good exercise.

"Several of our group are widowers, and they like to sit and chat with the group. It gets them socialising and gives them something to do with their day."

Area planning officer Graham Thomas said: "I understand the club using the field were not pleased with the extent of the restrictions in the original permission, but I have not been aware of them breaching them.

"By sticking to the approved terms, they do appear to have largely overcome local opposition to the use."

Restrictions on the club are numerous. They include a strict flight schedule banning model use on Sundays and public holidays, and regulations regarding how many aircraft can fly and where.

The council also stipulated that the pygmy planes had to be fitted with mini mufflers, must weigh less than seven kilos, and no craft can have anything bigger than a two-stroke internal combustion engine.

Competitions and organised displays are also banned.

yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

Farm failed to get thumbs up for gates

AN ENTRANCE deemed "out of context" by Swale council planning committee is likely to be removed from a farm in Bredgar.

The farm, in Pett Lane, is in the Kent Downs area of outstanding natural beauty, yet the farm's inhabitants have installed large, ornate wrought-iron gates at the entrance to their property without planning permission.

Swale's planning chief said the gates are entirely out of character with the Grade-II listed farmhouse. A ruling will be made tonight.

M2 lorry smash leaves man dead

A FAVERSHAM man killed when he was struck by lorry on a stretch of the M2 has been named.

Denys Green, 59, from Belmont Road, was said to be out of his vehicle and on the carriageway when he was hit by the lorry on Sunday, August 10, on the London-bound Bredgar section of the motorway between junctions 5 and 6. He was said to have died from multiple injuries. Police are not treating the death as suspicious.

An inquest was opened and adjourned last Wednesday.

Council debates merits of poo bags on routes

DOG bag dispensers could be installed on routes in Faversham to encourage people to clear up their pets' poo.

The proposal was discussed at a Swale town council meeting, where councillors suggested two locations that would benefit from the bags.

The junction of Kingsnorth Road and Athelstan Road, and the footpath by the entrance to the Abbey School are both used regularly by dog walkers.

Court fines man for tyre fire in his garden

A MAN has been fined after burning tyres in his back garden instead of disposing of them safely.

Lee Etchells, 25, of Tonge Road, Murston, pleaded guilty to two offences at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court last Monday and was fined £100, and ordered to pay £100 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Firefighters were called to Glebe Lane on November 10 last year when smoke from the tyres could be seen.

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Stunning flora is more than just a pretty sight When we walk in fields of marigolds

BY GARETH ARNOLD

THE blaze of orange which greets motorists passing Sheldwich Church is far more than a bright floral display.

It represents an alternative crop which may find its way onto your walls.

The swathes of orange calendula marigolds and blue echinacea are being grown on land owned by Countess Soudes, part of the extensive Lees Court Estate.

The picturesque positioning is simply down to crop rotation which this year has brought the flowers round to their current field bordering the A251.

Although they present a cheery sight for many drivers on their way to work, as estate administrator Liz Roberts explained, both plants can be used for far more than simply brightening up the landscape.

Mrs Roberts said: "Calendula has been used in homeopathic creams for a while to calm skin irritation and help heal scar tissue but in this case, it's actually being grown for the oil.

"It is used to replace something called tung oil, which is used in wood stain and gloss paint as a drying agent. Calendula oil is a much more natural alternative, so you can make a water-based paint.

"People assume it's the colour in the paint, but actually it's the stuff that makes the paint dry.

"The other crop is echinacea, which is rich in Omega 3 oils, one of the much talked about healthy oils. That will be used in baby food and skin cream."



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

HEALING POWERS: Calendula marigolds on the Lees Court Estate are used in the making of homeopathic medicines

Prompted by the wish to diversify the use of the estate's land, Lees Court now specialises in producing non-food crops, which have been used in everything from medicines to bio-fuels.

Some of these present challenges which must be met with special skills and machinery, but marigolds are an exception, despite the fact they grow lower to the ground than many more traditional harvests.

In fact, the only major pest is the bane of all gardeners – slugs.

Mrs Roberts said: "It is quite easy to grow, and does not require much input such as fertiliser to make it grow.

"They don't need anything particularly unusual and we can use standard machinery for planting and harvesting."

Estate owner Countess Soudes is one of the leading advocates of non-food crops in the UK, and works with the United Nations to create an International Centre for Non-Food Crops in Kent.

Veterinary hopeful bounces back from paw A-level results

A HARDWORKING student can make his dreams of being a vet come true after getting straight As in his retakes.

Last summer, Callum Atkins, 19 from Badlesmere Lees, was devastated after receiving three C grades for his A-levels which reduced his chances to get a placement in a veterinary school.

Mr Atkins enrolled on a retake programme at Rochester Independent College, received four As and has been offered a place at the Royal Veterinary College where he will start in September.

He said: "There were times when I thought about giving up but now I'm looking forward to starting in September. I know that I wouldn't have been happy with anything else."

Co-principal Alistair Brownlow said: "These results are particularly pleasing as so many high-achieving students joined our courses after disappointing GCSE or AS results. They demonstrate what can be achieved and that a one-year setback can be turned around."

• Turn to page 12 for a round-up of A-level results.

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Funeral for respected councillor

THE funeral of local councillor John Disney is to take place tomorrow (Thursday).

The Conservative representative for Lynsted and Teynham died on August 7 in hospital after a long illness. He was 68.

Cllr Disney, who was a keen advocate of recycling and was Swale's executive holder for the environment. He was also a parish councillor for the area and lived in the borough for nearly 20 years.

He was married to Marlene with two sons, David and Michael.

The service will take place at the Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Lynsted at 10.45am.

Meanwhile, candidates are urged to come forward and stand in council elections next month.

Following the resignations of Cllrs Chris Boden and Gemma Wray, two vacancies have become available in the wards of Minster Cliffs and Sheerness East.

Anyone interested in standing should contact the council's democratic services team for a nomination pack.

Further information can be found by visiting the council website at www.swale.gov.uk.

Travellers will get thumbs up to stay at site

A TRAVELLER family who set up home on land just outside Faversham are set to be told they can remain on the site – despite concerns from residents, writes **Jenny Armstrong.**

Two caravans, a shed and stables for horses are on the land in Badlesmere, despite no original planning permission being granted.

But council officers are set to say tonight (Wednesday) the family will be allowed to remain temporarily after a recommendation by the planning officer.

After they leave, the land will be returned for farming.

Swale planning officer, Graham Thomas, said: "I believe temporary planning permission for the site as it stands is compatible with the policy and need context, despite strong adverse local opinion.

"I believe such permission would represent an appropriate response

to the issue of the applicant's human rights pending availability of local sites."

This is despite an application in 2006 for the same site being refused because of the impact it would have on the landscape and highway safety.

The land sits on the busy A251.

Badlesmere parish council strongly object to the application, seeing it as an attempt to avoid planning rules and regulations.

Swale council also noted that one local opposed the application for similar reasons.

Mr Thomas said: "Having taken all material considerations into account, it is considered that subject to compliance with the attached conditions, the proposal would not cause unacceptable long-term harm to the amenities of the area or prejudice highway safety or convenience."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Primary pupils excel
in English and maths

RECENT figures indicate that primary school leavers across the county have yet again achieved their best-ever results in English and mathematics, improving in both subjects at level 4 – the target pupils of this age are expected to obtain before moving to secondary school.

Every year for the past five years the proportion of pupils achieving the expected level has risen in mathematics. This year, the difference between the county and national figure has narrowed significantly with Kent schools improving by 2.5 per cent, compared to the one per cent national rise.

In English, overall results mirror national outcomes and is the best-ever result. Improvements in reading are particularly good, with an increase of 2.6 per cent, another 405 pupils, achieving the expected level compared to a national rise of two per cent.

There have also been higher levels of achievement in reading, mirroring the successes of children in both the early years and Key Stage One.

University expert in call
to change drug use laws

A SENIOR academic has hit out at the Government's drug policy saying the UK should learn from countries which adopt a different approach to the problem.

Dr Alex Stevens, who heads the European Institute of Social Services at the University of Kent in Canterbury, believes they should be decriminalised, as convicting users wasted police time and money.

He said: "Nobody is saying that dangerous drugs should be sold legally to anyone who wants them at whatever price.

"But we should learn from other countries that have reduced the criminal penalties that they use for drug users without increasing drug problems."

Railway guards and pay
row could end in strike

TWO separate disputes about the role of guards on new trains and a pay offer could see the county's railways grind to a halt.

Results of ballots on strike action starting next week will be known in September, said Bob Crow, general secretary of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union.

Southeastern urged workers to vote in favour of the "good" 4.3 per cent pay deal, and said RMT objections to changed roles for guards came as a "disappointment".

But union representatives remain unconvinced. About 750 retail and engineering workers will be balloted for strikes over the pay offer, the RMT said, while up to 500 guards, drivers and customer service staff are set to vote on the safety role of guards on trains.

County to get 2012
gold rush under way

■ BY NICK AMES

SUNDAY'S closing ceremony at the Beijing Olympics will not be greeted by sorrow, instead it will spark a day of partying across the county as it marks the official start of the run-up to London 2012.

Thousands of people are expected to turn out at events around Kent to mark the official hand-over of the Olympic flag from China to Britain's capital.

Stars including past and future Olympians are set to be on hand to commemorate the event, which is the first major highlight of the UK's preparation for the global Games.

Street parties, fireworks, sports events and other celebrations are being organised in many towns and villages.

Historically, Dover welcomed the Olympic torch when it arrived in 1948 – the last time anywhere in Britain hosted the Games.

Torch

This weekend in the town there will be music from local bands, street athletics and other entertainments to kick-start the run up to the eagerly anticipated London event.

The official 2012 flag will enter Dover by boat – carried by rowing star Hannah Moon who is looking to make her mark on the Games in four years' time.

Julie Rook, Dover council's sports cabinet member, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity to throw light on our campaign to bring the Olympic torch through Dover for the coming Games."

Celebrations planned for Ramsgate are tied in with the opening of the new athletics



track at the Marlowe Academy – which could host teams training sessions in the run up to the 2012 event itself.



STARS: Double gold-winning athlete Kelly Holmes and kayak bronze medallist Ian Wynne will line up for events being held in the county during Sunday's closing ceremony

A family fun run will take place and there will be demonstrations of athletic skills from nationally recognised performers.

Herne Bay has been selected as a site for one of the large screens which will show BBC coverage of the handover.

Kayak bronze medallist at the Athens Games in 2004, Ian Wynne, will be taking part and other events include a Tour d'Herne Bay cycle ride.

The flag will arrive by river in Maidstone, which will also host live music and a parade, while Charlton Athletic FC will be assisting in celebrations in Tunbridge Wells.

Free swimming to commemorate Britain's success in the Beijing pool will be held at leisure facilities in Canterbury, Thanet, Ashford, Swale and Dover.

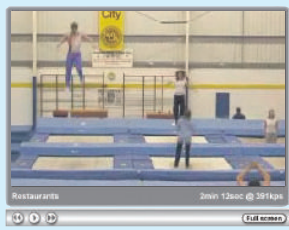
Kent County Council cabinet member for community services, Mike Hill, said: "The recent spectacular opening of the Beijing Games really heightened the excitement for London's Olympics and the Handover Day is an excellent way for us in Kent to celebrate and enjoy the atmosphere of being the host country.

"There really is something for everyone on August 24, and it highlights how the Olympics are an opportunity to feel proud of what we have to show the world."

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Training facilities to
reap Olympic reward

THERE are 36 venues in the county hoping to cash-in on the 2012 Olympic Games in London by providing training facilities for teams around the world.

Details of the sites are being circulated to national Olympic committees with a hope they will play host to teams in the years leading up to the Games.

Our sports reporter David Pritchard paid a visit to one of the site's on the shortlist, the trampolining centre in Gillingham, to find out how it got on the list and what it hopes to achieve.

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Sandy driven by 'love of the county and its people'

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

TRIBUTES have flooded in this week for the former leader of Kent County Council, who died on Thursday.

Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart passed away after a long battle against cancer. He was 66.

The charismatic Conservative was leader of the county council from 1997 until his retirement in 2005.

Paul Carter, the man who replaced him at the helm, said he would be "enormously missed both locally in Kent and more broadly in the country".

He said: "Sandy was the leading architect of the transformation and improvement in local government in recent years, enhancing both the reputation and relationship of local government

with national government and Westminster, and more widely with the electorate.

"Sandy restored Kent County Council back to the top of the premier league in local government, delivering a hard-earned reputation nationally for achieving excellence.

"Driven by a love and passion for the people and the county of Kent, he proved that beneath his urbane charm and courtesy lay his conviction and determination to deliver what he believed was right.

"His knighthood and subsequent peerage were just rewards for the significant contribution he made through local government and the Conservative Party nationally."

After stepping down at County Hall he went on to become chairman of the national Local Government Association and then chairman of English Heritage.

The Tory grandee had been battling

cancer since late last year, making his final public appearances last month.

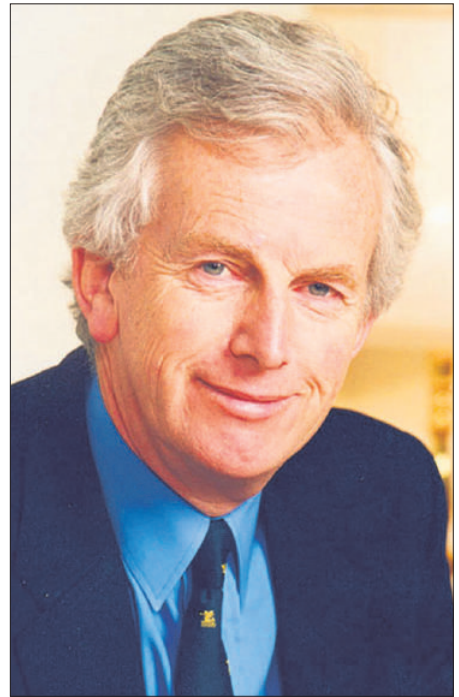
He previously lived in Zimbabwe and Australia, before moving to Kent in the 1960s. He had two fruit farms in the county and lived in Headcorn, near Maidstone.

He was married to Tess and had three children Mark, Natasha and Simon.

He became a county councillor for Maidstone Rural East in 1989 after chairing a rail committee in the Weald of Kent preservation society – protesting over the route of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

He was knighted in the New Year's Honours List in 2002, and when he was made a peer last year he was given the title Baron Bruce-Lockhart of The Weald in the County of Kent.

• See letters on page 16 and 17 for your reaction to our web story breaking the news of Lord Bruce-Lockhart's death on Thursday morning.



CHARISMATIC: Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, former KCC leader

Politicians pay tribute to a 'towering figure'

■ MIKE Eddy, Labour's shadow leader of Kent County Council: "Sandy and I may have disagreed on politics but he was a skilled politician with the interests of Kent at heart.

"It was a privilege to have crossed political swords with him. On a personal level he was invariably courteous, was prepared to listen – even if he didn't agree with you – and would always take on board good ideas, even when they came from his political opponents.

"I am sure everyone who knew him will be saddened by his death."

■ Conservative Maidstone and Weald MP Ann Widdecombe: "He was a towering figure in local government and his work has left a lasting impact.

"Throughout my time in Parliament I have relied immeasurably on his support and advice. My heart goes out to Tess and all the family."

■ Swale council leader, Cllr Andrew Bowles, said, "I was deeply sorry to hear of this news. My thoughts are with his widow and his family.

"Lord Lockhart was someone who contributed greatly to public life.

"It is so sad that after he stood down from Kent County Council and as chairman of the Local Government Association, giving him the ability to take things more peacefully and indulge in his interests in the countryside, which he had so little time to do so."



POWERFUL: David Cameron said Lord Bruce-Lockhart was a 'visionary leader of Kent County Council'

■ Caroline Spelman, chairman of the Conservative Party, said: "He was an exceptionally able local government leader and Kent will forever be in his debt for his innovative ideas.

"I was particularly impressed by the way he used his skills to fight the corner of councils throughout the country as chair of the LGA.

"He and John Prescott, with whom he frequently dealt with in Government, were unlikely sparring partners, but I think John would acknowledge the elegant way Sandy led the LGA.

"Sandy came from a diplomatic family and this really showed when he was negotiating."

■ David Cameron, leader of the Conservative Party, said: "Sandy Bruce-Lockhart was a visionary leader of Kent County Council and put forward powerful arguments about empowering local government which all parties have listened to.

"He made a huge contribution to public life as chairman of English Heritage and head of the Local Government Association, and will be sadly missed.

"My thoughts are with Tess and the family at this sad time."



GREATLY MISSED: MP Ann Widdecombe said former County Hall leader has left a lasting legacy



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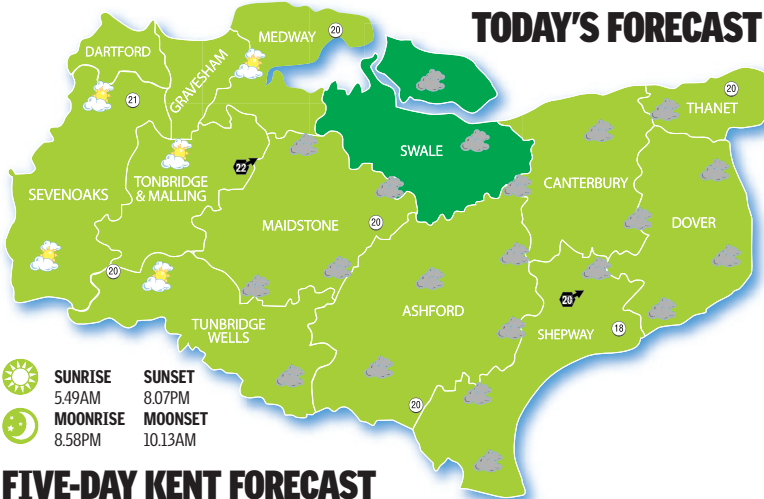
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	Sunday	3:10pm	6.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:34pm	8.0m
	Sunday	3:14pm	7.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:03pm	5.1m
	Sunday	3:40pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:09pm	5.8m
	Sunday	4:46pm	5.7m
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Athens	32°C	New York	27°C
Barcelona	29°C	Paris	24°C
Beijing	27°C	Rome	28°C
Bombay	29°C	Sydney	13°C
Cape Town	22°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	17°C	Tokyo	28°C
Gibraltar	23°C	Vancouver	25°C
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Canterbury	19°C	21°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	Maidstone	20°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	21°C
Chatham	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C	Ramsgate	19°C	21°C	20°C	19°C	20°C
Dartford	20°C	22°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	Rochester	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C
Dover	17°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	Sevenoaks	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	19°C
Faversham	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C	Sittingbourne	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C
Folkestone	17°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	Tonbridge	19°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C
Gillingham	19°C	20°C	20°C	19°C	19°C	Tun Wells	19°C	20°C	20°C	20°C	20°C

£1,400 fines for man guilty over farm flytipping



SHAMEFUL: rubble and plastic sacks dumped at farm

A MAN found guilty of allowing more than three tonnes of rubbish to be dumped on a Lynsted farm has been fined a total of £1,415.

Faizal Rasool, 37, of Princes Gate, south-west London, was sentenced by Sittingbourne magistrates after admitting offences under the Environmental Protection Act.

The waste found at Nouds Farm included rubble, cardboard boxes and plastic sacks, and had been dumped by fly-tippers. The matter was investigated by Swale council's environment response team.

The court found Mr Rasool had failed to take reasonable measures to prevent his waste from being fly-tipped.

Swale's enforcement officer Len Watts said: "The offences around this type of crime relate not only to the actual depositing of the waste, but to anyone involved. The council can prosecute people who fail to comply with their 'duty of care', and whose waste ends up being dumped. We will now be continuing our investigation to find the offenders who actually tipped the waste."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

MIKE BARRETT



Q & A

Mike Barrett, chief executive of one of Kent's foremost homeless charities, Porchlight – formerly known as the East Kent Cyrenians – discusses with Ed Hill what the organisation seeks to achieve across the county

Q How did you get involved with the charity?

A I was appointed over nine years ago, after a conscious decision on my part to work for a more local supported housing provider. This was after some 16 years based in London working for large national housing associations.

Q The charity recently changed its name to Porchlight, why was that?

A A number of factors made this decision necessary. First, we now work across the county and therefore having East Kent in our name did not make sense. Our service users, when asked, told us that the name Cyrenians did not make any sense to them and was confusing because there are a number of Cyrenian organisations around the country, all independent of each other. Last, and perhaps most importantly, our younger service users said the new name and logo was recognisable as a place where they could get help with housing.

Q Does the county have a significant homelessness problem? What are the areas that are worst affected?

A In short, yes. However, the problem is mostly hidden. What is seen is simply the tip of the iceberg. The worst affected areas are in East Kent and Maidstone. Dartford is also an area with a high homeless population. Many hundreds of people, some very young, are sleeping on friends' floors or "sofa surfing" and periodically spend time on the streets rough sleeping, which puts them in real danger.

Q What facilities, services and projects does the charity have for people in the county?

A Porchlight offers a range of services from hostels to shared houses and support to people in their own homes to help prevent them from becoming homeless. We also operate a countywide outreach and resettlement service that finds accommodation and supports some of the most vulnerable and socially excluded people in Kent. We also aim to reconnect people to the area from where they came.

Q What are the sorts of problems that can lead to homelessness? Are people aware how quickly they can find themselves in those circumstances?

A In many cases people have struggled for years with other problems that have led them to become homeless; mental health problems, drug and/or alcohol addictions, gambling, leaving care and fleeing abuse. Relationship breakdown is also a main cause of homelessness. There are many factors that can cause the problem but the evidence is clear; poverty, poor standards of education and relatively short prison sentences are all common routes in to homelessness.

Q Do you think the credit crunch will have an impact on the homelessness situation?

A Yes, one only has to look at the already short supply of private rented accommodation to see that there will be a problem. Rents are likely to increase dramatically as the demand increases due to difficulties in getting a mortgage, coupled with a slowdown in the hous-

ing market, meaning fewer buy-to-rent investors coming in. All of which means less housing for our client groups. People who can afford to buy but cannot access funding will price out the poor and vulnerable even further. Subsequently homelessness is likely to increase.

Q What advice would you give to someone facing homelessness?

A Seek help quickly. Avoid becoming homeless by speaking to your lender or landlord if you are having problems paying for your accommodation. If it is not possible to stay where you are, seek assistance from your local council housing department. They probably will not be able to offer housing but can put you in touch with support services like Porchlight. Seek assistance and advice from agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau or Shelter as quickly as possible.

Q Do you find the work rewarding?

A With such a high success rate in terms of supporting vulnerable people so that they can eventually gain the skills and confidence to live independently, it is hard not to feel a sense of reward when helping to change lives in the county.

Q Did you have any childhood heroes? What was it you admired about them?

A My father. He taught me to be non-judgmental and to never stop asking "why?".

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Kent regiments in anti-Taliban action

Reporter **Jamie McGinnes** has flown out to Afghanistan to join our troops on the front line in the fight against the Taliban. In the second of his exclusive reports from Helmand Province, he brings us news of renewed hostilities

HUNDREDS of soldiers have been involved in an operation to root out the Taliban near the key town of Musa Qala.

Troops from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) and the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR), Kent's county regiment, were among 800 soldiers to take part in the fighting, which began on Thursday.

Major Ben Baker, 35, from 2PWRR, is in charge of Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, a desert fort seven kilometres from Musa Qala.

He said pushes to the north and south of the town were proving successful.

"It appears to be having quite a lot of success with Taliban killed and injured, people captured and equipment recovered," he said.

Maj Baker said the aim was to disrupt the insurgency.

"It is a deliberate operation to ensure the Taliban is put on the back foot. Whenever we face them head-on we win."

Local reports suggested on Thursday that at least 13 Taliban fighters were killed and a similar number injured.

Suicide vests, as well as ammunition and bomb-making equipment, were seized after



UNDER COVER: Jamie McGinnes (right) and troops sit out a mortar attack on FOB Edinburgh by the Taliban

compounds were searched.

About 300 troops from the Afghan National Army (ANA) spearheaded the advance to the south, supported by 'D' Company of 5 Scots, which is based at Musa Qala, the 2nd Battalion PWRR, a few reservists from 3PWRR, and men from the Royal Irish Regiment.

Mastiff armoured vehicles from 2 Scots were also on hand.

Insurgents attacked with rifles, machine-guns and RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades).

The garrison at Roshan Tower, a strategically crucial outpost overlooking the Musa Qala Wadi, helped guide in artillery fire and air strikes. Members of 2PWRR and a mortar section from 5 Scots are there. Paratroopers from

3 Para, along with Royal Engineers, made slow progress through booby-trapped Afghan compounds to the north. Bayonets were fixed as soldiers advanced through fields of shoulder-high crops.

Apache helicopters attacked enemy positions, while F-16 jets were called in for air strikes. Artillery at FOB Edinburgh and FOB Robinson, near Sangin, was also used, including the devastating Guided Missile Launch Rocket System (GMLRS).

Maj Baker said: "It has been relatively intense, with the whole of the battle group, north and south, and Roshan Tower in contact at the same time."

He said similar operations would "definitely" be carried out in the future.



FRONT LINE: British soldiers working at Roshan Tower

Welcomed by a sniper's bullet

WITHIN 20 minutes of arriving at Roshan Tower, a Taliban sniper attempted to kill me.

A loud crack broke the air as a bullet pinged just a metre over my head. It was a fitting welcome to one of the most heavily-attacked British positions in Helmand Province.

The key outpost, which overlooks the Musa Qala Wadi, has seen an upsurge in attacks in recent weeks.

The tower has a small garrison of men, including members of the 2nd Battalion the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (2PWRR) and a mortar section from Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots).

It has a commanding view of a vast swathe of countryside around the wadi and the strategically important town of Musa Qala, which was recaptured from the Taliban in December.

More than 150 mortar bombs are thought to have hit the base since June.

Somehow only one soldier, Lance Corporal Carvas Garraway, from 2PWRR, has been slightly injured, by shrapnel in the leg. The troops admit they have enjoyed more than their fair share of luck.

The increasing threat to the base meant that the Royal Engineers were part of a convoy sent there this week to strengthen its defences.

After setting off from FOB Edinburgh at first light, the troops reached Roshan Tower, about six kilometres away, at about 8.25am local time last Wednesday.

Twenty minutes later, my tour of the outpost by its platoon commander, Lieutenant Dave Thomas, 23, from Meopham, was cut short when the first shots of the day rang out.

Lt Thomas told me later that the shot had passed about a metre above our heads. The hidden sniper may have mistaken me for a dignitary because of my civilian clothes, he said.



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Swiggers with attitude

BY GARETH ARNOLD

SHEPHERD Neame is keeping it real with their latest ale which features a controversial ad campaign starring a cast of geriatric rude boys.

The beer, called Canterbury Jack, is described as "a light, contemporary beer with a distinct, modern identity".

The new brand's tag line is "the hip hop". This image is brought to life in a series of digitally manipulated photos which show period hop pickers and groups of elderly men in shell suits and dripping with bling.

The 'chav' image is completed with the addition of several Staffordshire bull terriers and in one image, a 'pimped' lorry and tractor.



WHAT'S THE PINT: Images from the Canterbury Jack campaign include 'chav' pensioners and pimped-up delivery trucks

Another postcard features an elderly man in a tracksuit top and baseball cap, accompanied by two Staffordshire bull terriers, requesting "a pint of Canterbury Jack and a bowl of water for my bitches".

Residents of both Canterbury and Faversham may be left wondering whether



the portrayal is a veiled dig, but Shepherd Neame insists the name has nothing to do with rivalry between the two areas or the fact that Faversham is referred to as 'Chaversham' by residents who feel the atmosphere at night can get a little charged.

Charlie Holland, Canterbury Jack brand manager, said: "The 'hip hop' marketing campaign is designed to highlight Canterbury Jack as a modern ale that also benefits from the brewing heritage and expertise at Shepherd Neame.

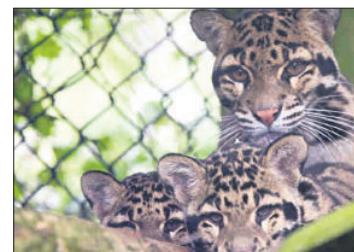
"The concept was put together by the same London-based advertising agency responsible for the Spitfire ale campaign and we are confident the light-hearted humour of Canterbury Jack's marketing will act as a point of difference between it and other national ale brands.

"Canterbury Jack is a name we used about a decade ago. When we trialled this new brew around the country, consumers and publicans favoured the name Canterbury Jack over other suggestions."

Canterbury Jack was unveiled at Camra's Great British Beer Festival last week. The 3.5 per cent cask beer is brewed with pale and crystal malts and gently hopped with Cascade and East Kent Goldings, grown within a few miles of the brewery.

The water used is taken from an artesian well in the chalk beneath the Shepherd Neame brewery.

Canterbury Jack will be available on draught in Shepherd Neame pubs and selected pubs and bars nationwide.



Park's pride at big cat births

FOUR clouded leopard cubs have been born at Howletts Wild Animal Park despite the difficulties of breeding the endangered big cats.

Male and female cubs were born to pairs Nhi-Ha and Nanyo, as well as to Ben and Mandalay, a few months ago.

Now visitors to Howletts, near Bekebourne, will be able to see the cubs most days when they venture out to play.

Jim Vassie, head of the cat section, said: "Breeding these animals is especially difficult in captivity, but with 23 clouded leopards, Howletts is one of the few zoos to have been successful in its breeding programme, with 30 births at the park since 2003."

The leopards are notoriously difficult to breed due to male aggression, decreased breeding activity between paired animals, stress and high cub mortality.

Captive populations around the world are ageing, with few new births to build up genetic diversity, which makes the new arrivals at Howletts particularly significant.

Howletts has housed clouded leopards, originally from South East Asia, since the late 1960s with the first successful birth taking place a decade later.

Overseas director Amos Courage said: "The Aspinall Foundation is proud of its breeding programme.

"With the decline in this species over the last 20 years, we are thrilled that we have been able to conduct a successful breeding programme and are now the studbook holders for this animal."

Longhorn beetle warning to gardeners

GARDENERS have been asked to be on their guard after it emerged that a large non-native beetle which can cause serious damage to woodlands and garden plants has been accidentally introduced to Britain.

The Citrus Longhorn Beetle, which normally lives in Asia, has been distributed around the country in mail order plants known as Acers.

The large (21-37mm) beetle can affect a wide range of trees and shrubs, such as



oak, beech, ash, maple, apple, pear, willow, hibiscus, horse

chestnut, hornbeam, hazel, birch, mulberry and rose.

As part of their three year larval stage, the beetle grubs bore into woody plants, leaving tell-tale holes and wood shavings.

Several recent findings in different parts of the country have prompted Defra to issue a warning to gardeners, who have been asked to capture any longhorn beetles they find and contact their local plant health and seeds inspector on 01904 455174.

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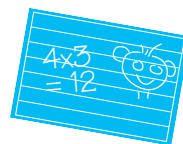
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The majority achieved five A-levels, with 23 students achieving 500 or more UCAS points to gain entry on their chosen university courses.

Nikita Kinchin and Christabel McCooney each gained five A grades and 600 points, taking up places to study law at Reading and Bristol respectively.

Hannah Case, Elizabeth Laming, Fiona Platten and Laura Tunbridge all achieved four A grades and one B.

Clarissa Sanders and Rachel Pfeiffer earned three As and two Bs, while Lucy Barber, Gemma Hoffman and Catherine Weber gained three As and one B. All aim to continue in further education.

Pride of Faversham

PUPILS at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar achieved excellent A-level results this year.

The 97 students at the Faversham school, who took a total of 392 exams, were celebrating a 99.2 per cent pass rate.

Joseph Hobbs and David Williams won places at Cambridge with four A grades.

Anna Cordes and Amy Barker achieved five A grades, while Bradley Good and Ruth Mason gained four As.

Ellen Care, Judith Collins, Jennifer Davies, Sarah Gilbert, Sam Haste, Rachel Manley, Kathryn Nevett and Emma Short, all achieved three A grades.

Head teacher David Anderson said: "This is the result of two years of hard work by staff and students. The vast majority achieved three or more A-levels and gained the grades they needed."

"I am proud of all of them. Many of our students have gained higher than predicted grades."

Happy to make the grade



ON THEIR WAY: Borden Grammar School pupils are ready to take the next step along the path to their chosen careers after an outstanding crop of A-level results this year

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

STUDENTS at Borden Grammar School were celebrating their A-level success this week after outstanding individual and collective results.

This included 12 pupils who achieved three or more A grades, with a 97 per cent pass rate and more than 50 per cent A and B grades in 13 subjects taken.

Head boy Ranjit Atwal, 18, from Sittingbourne, achieved As in biology, chemistry, physics and general studies, and a B in Spanish, and was looking forward to studying medicine and Spanish at University College London from September.

He said: "I might specialise in fertility and genetics during the six years on the course. I have already spent a year with a few GPs around London and a summer working at Medway Maritime Hospital."

Christopher Wood, 18, from Sittingbourne, achieved A grades in chemistry, maths, further maths and physics AS, with B grades in DT and general studies, to secure his place to study chemistry at Imperial College London.

He said: "I plan to do a PhD after my masters, so that's the next seven years anyway."

Proud mum Debbie Wood said: "It's difficult to read him because he doesn't show any nerves at all during exams. But it was fine. He knew what he was doing and he shone through. We're very happy."

Peter Seabrook and Matthew Rayner, both 18 and from Sittingbourne, were also delighted with their results which allow them to pursue their chosen careers.

Peter, who is joining the Royal Navy, said: "I got two As, two Bs and a C, which is what I need and I'm happy with that. I go to the officer training college at Dartmouth in November. It's a dream come true for me."

Matthew was one of two pupils to achieve five straight A grades in Spanish, history, economics, mathematics and general studies.

He said: "I'm looking forward to studying history and economics at York University."

Other high achievers included Christopher Foster with five As, Patrick Ireland, David Brimer and Alexander Adie with four As, and Christopher Self, Jamie Trace, Richard Warren, James Martin-Young and Shaun May, with three A grades each.

Head teacher Harold Vafeas said: "These results are a testimony to the hard work and careful preparation of staff and students."

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I'll never understand rubbish idea of fortnightly collections

GOING green and saving the planet is an irritating business for most of us – but for the council staff employed to oversee our rubbish disposal, it remains a cause of excitement and gives them purpose.

It means more rules that they can apply. It means more burden they can dump on already financially stretched and harassed council tax payers and – better than that – it means they can even send people nasty letters if they accidentally stick a bit of cardboard in with glass for recycling.

Young spotty leaving some former polytechnic with his useless degree could never have expected his job in waste management could have led him to such a plethora of exciting powers that he could chuck about and make him feel like a man.

And he knows he'll have some recycling zealots backing him up, no matter how stupid the rubbish rules become.

Recycling zealots are of course more irritat-

ing than the anti-smoking brigade.

They celebrate their separation techniques, tell you how they wash tins cans and rinse milk cartons before placing them in the right box.

Well I say get a life. I don't want to be cleaning old packaging just so somebody else can sort it without getting dry tuna on their rubber glove. I do not have the time. That is why I pay my council tax so that my rubbish is spirited away and someone else worries about it.

But wait, I am sure there are those of you reading this who think recycling is exciting, necessary and the only way ahead.

I ask you just to support me on one thing...

There is no excuse – on this earth – for fortnightly food waste collections. Food waste smells and rots. It is a health hazard. It attracts vermin.

But no matter what EU imposed rules councils claim they are forced to follow to meet recycling targets, we still need to have our food waste bins emptied. Weekly.

The wheelie bins provided by our council are hopeless, far too small for a normal family. Our dustmen (sorry refuse collectors) are a reasonable bunch of blokes doing a crap job most of

us would prefer not to. Why, though, if there is an extra bag of rubbish alongside the wheelie bin do they just leave it?

Worse than that, if you miss putting your bins out, it means you could end up with a chicken carcass that is a month old by the time it is finally collected.

In an effort to escape this outrage I made the trip to the council dump last weekend to chuck ordinary dustbin waste into a huge machine, labelled 'household waste'. Fantastic. No sorting, no recycling, no worrying whether they notice the dead plant from the garden. Gone.

So, recycling's all well and good when I have the time. But I don't, so I'll pay others to do it. Go ahead, guys, save the planet, fill your boots, but come the next council elections I shall support the councillor, and party, which promises to reinstate the weekly waste collection.

I urge you all to do the same and end this madness.

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For your chance to win one of 15 sets of family tickets, you just need to be one of the first 15 people to call in on

Wednesday, August 20 after 9.30am, on 01634 890421.

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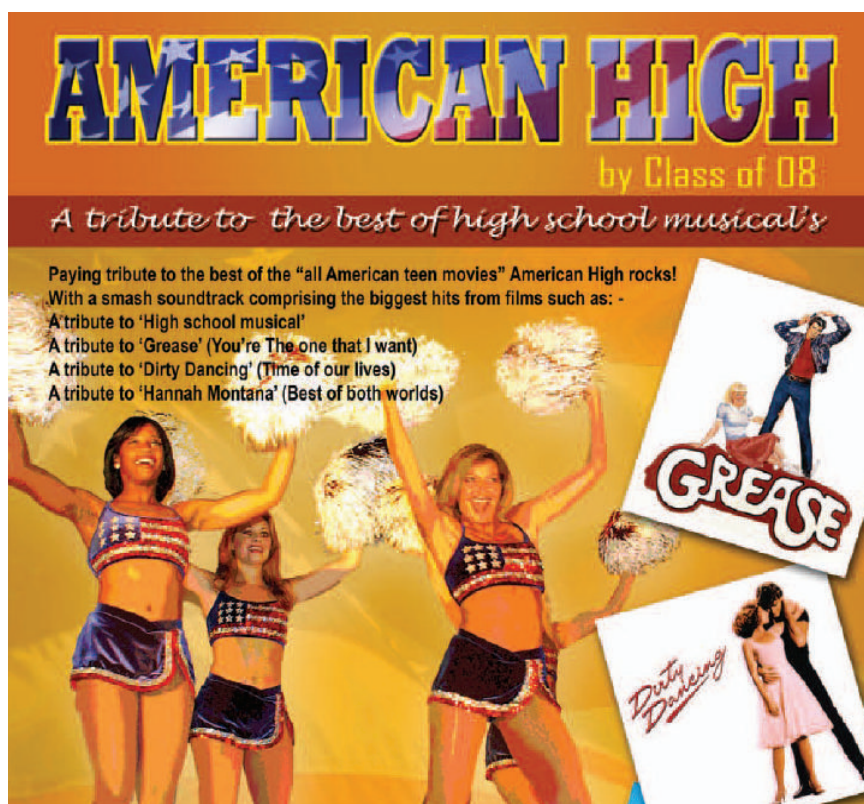
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TALK TIME

DAVE CLARK

Reporter Nerissa Blower talks to student Dave Clark, who is not only studying computer science at the University of Kent, but working there as well as part of the campus web team



Tell us why you decided to go to University of Kent

The university was my first choice for quite a lot of reasons, and I was very pleased to get in. I'm originally from Bromley, so the location of the university was ideal for travelling back and forth as I didn't fancy going to study in London. The campus at Kent is very attractive and all the colleges and buildings are nicely spread out. I've been to some campuses which have been tiny in comparison and there were not a lot of things going on. Thanks to our union we have lots of bars, societies and even a nightclub on campus so there are many opportunities to meet interesting and diverse people. The union here is an important part of student life and I think that makes a big difference.

What do you study?

I have just finished the first year of my computer science course. So far I've really enjoyed it and I managed to get a job as a web developer on campus which complements the course I am studying.

Where do you see yourself after graduation?

Ideally I would like to work in one of the big computer technology corporations such as IBM, where I might even move to Canada to get the job I want. I might even consider becoming a video game programmer but I have plenty of time to figure out what I want to do.

YOUR LETTERS

Why the surprise KCC lost a million?

THE news that Kent County Council has managed to lose around £1 million a year is as depressing as it is predictable.

Why cannot the local authority get out of this contract with an incinerator business which is not only environmentally unfriendly but losing money as well.

Come on KCC - this is the 21st century.

Michael Barrett
By email



Don't let mishap sink barge race

THE collision which took place during the Swale Barge Match will no doubt be harped on by people who wish to ban any activity more dangerous than sitting in front of a computer.

But it is precisely this element of risk which makes sports like the race so worthwhile.

I attended the event as I have



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done for several years and was struck by how exciting it was.

Let's not let the health and safety maniacs consign it to the

history books because of one incident.

Miles Broadbent
Faversham

Former KCC leader Sandy Bruce-Lockhart dies

Former Kent County Council leader Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart has died today aged 86.

News of the death of the Tory grandee, who had been battling cancer since last year, broke this morning.

Despite his illness, Lord Bruce-Lockhart still found time to perform his duties as the chairman of English Heritage.

He also regularly voiced his opinions on certain subjects in the House of Lords, after being made a Lord in 2006.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart previously lived in Zimbabwe and Australia, before moving to Kent in the 1960s. He had two sons and three daughters.

He was married to Tina and had three children: Mark, Nicholas and Simon.

He became a county councillor for Maidstone Rural East in 1980 after running a successful campaign in the West of Kent constituency - including the route of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart led KCC from 1991-2005.

He was knighted in the New Year's Honours List in 2002, and when he was made a peer last year he was given the title Baron Bruce-Lockhart, of the West of the County of Kent.

SADLY MISSED: Sandy Bruce-Lockhart

Sandy's passing a blow to the county

THE death of Sandy Bruce-Lockhart after a long fight against cancer is a major loss to Kent.

It was with great sadness that I read about his death on your website, but cancer is a battle many have lost and many will continue to lose.

It was easy to forget that Sandy was a Tory, as he always represented the best interests of Kent and not narrow-minded party political lines.

I was lucky enough to meet him and he came across as a true gentleman who really cared about our wonderful county.

His kind may never be seen again. He will be truly missed.

Mark Rogers, from Sittingbourne, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk.

He stood up for us over tunnel rail link

I AM shocked and saddened to hear Sandy Bruce-Lockhart has died.

He always struck me as fair and honest, which is rare for

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politicians, and fought incredibly hard for our county.

I think his stance on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link was commendable and he continued to stand up for the people throughout his political career.

He will be sadly missed and my thoughts go to his family at this difficult time.

Ben Matthews, from Maidstone, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk.

A joy to work with

I HAD the pleasure of working with Sandy as a press officer for four years whilst he was chairman of the LGA – he was a lovely man and a pleasure to work with.

I'm very sorry to hear of his sad passing this morning and his wife, Tess, and his family are in my thoughts.

Lynne Morris, from Orpington, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk.

We will miss him

THE Webb family send our sincere condolences to Tess and family.

Sandy was a very kind man who gave a wonderful service to Kent and to local government across the UK, and to English Heritage.

He will be greatly missed, especially in Kent.

Graham Webb MBE, from Sevenoaks, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk.

A credit to himself

OUR condolences to his family. He was a true human being who everyone respected. He will be sadly missed.

Reg and Wendy Hansell, from Shepherdswell, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk.

I am devastated

MY friend has just told me this news after reading it on your site and I am devastated.

I was lucky enough to meet Sandy on a number of occasions and he was always a real gentleman.

He will be greatly missed by everyone in this county.

Mrs K Gower, from Canterbury, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk.

He did so much

HOW very sad I was to read about Sandy Bruce-Lockhart's death.

He did so much for this county and will be sorely missed.

I pass on my condolences to his family.

H Riggs, from Ashford, comment posted on web story at www.yourswale.co.uk.

We'll pay the price for politics of greed

BEHIND-closed-doors government urgently needs re-adjustment to stop malfunctioning.

Misgovernment comes out of selfish pettiness – luxury at taxpayers' expense for parliamentarians, councillors, head honchos of public sector bodies compared to criminal convictions and fines of £110 from bin police, council tax for diminishing services, etc.

The correction in the housing market was long-overdue. Where is the equivalent correction of greed and profligacy in financial or government institutions?

Mass building of flats, buy-to-let etc has been disasters. So has bribing students to stay-on at school whether able scholars or not, free travel while old people are restricted, all send out the wrong messages.

Generations that did work find ingratitude. The old soldiers were casualties not defenceless civilians in manufactured wars, all these are manifestations of an out-of-control world order where guileful politicians rule the roost with savagery and injustice.

Never before did PFI investors get-rich-quick out of public funds, or Northern Wreck bank become taxpayers' liability, or monopoly utilities becoming foreign owned and oligarchs buying up swathes of London. Overconsumption of finite resources is the aim of the vapid z-list celebrities and nouveau-riche who believe in profit without philanthropy.

The convenient claim that wall-to-wall housing is essential is false. Many of us would live like the Golden Girls, where comedy and common humanity was wrapped up in a series for TV. Rising Damp was about lodgers, Only Fools & Horses was about different generations living and laughing together.

The more de-personalised we allow our lives to be, the worse off we will be in the future.

Rita Grootendorst, by email.

Town is moving in the right direction

WHILE on my first visit to Faversham in 20 years, I have to say I was quite impressed.

The best feature I saw was the area around the quay where there are now restaurants and a very good garden centre which was better than anything in my home town of Cambridge. So, although the town may not shout its attractions from the roof tops it is clearly going in the right direction.

Lyn Thompson, by email



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Now the UK's largest multi-period military and historical re-enactment event, Military Odyssey offers visitors the chance to witness history unfold firsthand. On the new, larger battlefield, soldiers, guns, tanks and even aircraft will fight the battles that shaped our world.

To make the re-enactments even more realistic this year, there will be a small village on the battlefield that living history groups can use to create convincing scenery.

There will be a vast array of groups attending, covering diverse periods from the ancient Greeks, Vikings and medieval knights to Napoleonic troopers, the American Civil War, the two world wars and Vietnam.

With both indoor and outdoor trade stalls and rare vehicles on display, the event offers a full day out for all the family.

Attracting many of the top living history groups from across the UK and Europe, this year's event will feature contributions from groups representing Celts, Saxons, Normans, medieval jousting knights, medieval households and Napoleonic times, which include troopers from Poland, Russia and France.

World War One will be represented by aircraft from the Manston Air Museum along with the 10th Essex, the Birmingham Pals and the Royal Flying Corps contingent.

Find out about life during World War Two with the airborne Screaming Eagles Living History Group, the 29th Historical Association, LHA, the 514th QM Truck Regiment Re-enactment Group and The Burma Mule Association with their pack mules and other regiments.



FEROCIOUS: Above, Roman centurions will be demonstrating their skills, and, left, youngsters learn the military history and have fun too

Watch the skirmishes, pitched battles and drills by those on the front line and discover what life was like for those at home with the civilian counterparts. With the opportunity to take home collectable souvenirs, such as toy soldiers and other historical goods, there is plenty on offer throughout the weekend.

One-day tickets on the gate cost £14/£11.50 for adults, £8.50 for children aged five to 15 and £40.50 for families. Two and three-day tickets are available. For more information and discounted advance booking visit www.military-odyssey.com.

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The anniversary show features even more impressive dancing than ever, blending traditional and modern styles to create an unforgettable spectacle for audiences. Special effects are also employed to make the explosive choreography even more exciting.

The story follows the adventures of two Irish immigrants who to flee to America with nothing but their love of music and dance. The captivating music



helps bring the elements of comedy, tragedy, magic and romance to the fore, while world champion dancers execute the fancy footwork.

Dermot Cullen and Broadway star Suzanne Cleary will be starring, bringing to life the innovative choreography of eight-time world champion John Carey.

Hollywood actor Christopher Lee provides the narration as the breathtaking show works its way towards a 'sizzling' dance-off between the Irish Dancers and the acclaimed New York Tap All Stars.

The show starts at 7.30pm both days with a 2.30pm matinee on Wednesday. Tickets are priced from £13.50 to £24.50. To book call 01227 787787 or visit www.marlowetheatre.com.

JEREMY HARDY

Saturday, September 13
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



JEREMY Hardy takes time off from speaking to the nation in order to address Canterbury next month.

The comedian is well-known for his radio work and is now a regular on BBC Radio 4's topical show The News Quiz.

His long-running series of monologues on current affairs, Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, are hugely popular – though sometimes controversial – and he is always an entertaining guest on I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.

Hardy was born in Farnborough and after attending Farnham College,

he studied modern history and politics at the University of Southampton. His television career has included appearing in Blackadder Goes Forth, presenting a documentary about the politics behind the English Civil War and presenting an edition of Top of the Pops in the 90s. Hardy is known for his socialist politics and has got involved in addressing suspected miscarriages of justice.

He has also appeared in the radio sitcoms Unnatural Acts and At Home with the Hardys with his former wife, actress and comedian Kit Hollerbach.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £15. Call the box office on 01227 769075 or book online at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.



FARMING AND COUNTRY FESTIVAL

Saturday to Monday, August 23-25
Farming World, Boughton



VISITORS have been able to learn about traditional life on a farm during the current Country Week, culminating in this weekend's Farming & Country Festival.

From today until Monday, visitors to Farming World can try their hand at making skeps – old-fashioned bee hives – and see one of the oldest threshing machines in the country demonstrating its craft.

West Street Tickham Hunt will visit tomorrow to parade their beagles and meet their admirers, ahead of the festival.

From Saturday to Monday there will be an array of things to see and do, inspired by the farming practices of yesteryear.

Heavy horses will be shown on Saturday, before they go on to plough the fields around the farm on Sunday and compete for the coveted Horsemanship title in the main arena on Monday.

There will also be bird of prey displays, vintage tractor ploughing demonstrations, ferret racing, duck racing, rodeo games, a Seaford Ponies musical ride, rural crafts and much more.

All proceeds will be donated to Demelza House children's hospice. For details call 01227 751144 or visit www.farming-world.com.

SWALE LEISURE

Folk fans are in for a real treat with Rory

MUSIC fans are in for a treat next week when Rory McLeod pays a visit to Faversham Folk Club.

The ex-circus clown and fire eater has become a travelling troubadour, telling his stories through wonderful poetry and songs. He uses a wide variety of instruments from harmonica and guitar to the spoons and finger cymbals.

The gig will be at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street on Friday, August 29, starting at 8.30pm. Tickets cost £9. To find out more call 01795 534368.

A rhapsody of market stalls for you to explore

BROWSE the new arts, crafts and gastro market Bohemia in Canterbury on Saturday before dancing the night away to live music.

The new local arts and farmers market in Palace Street will run from 9am to 4pm and will go on to be a monthly event. In the evening the Summer Street Ball returns by popular demand, starting at 4pm in St George's Street. The free event features local bands, family entertainment and competitions.

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Hop to it or you'll miss a festival of free music

BY **SIMON ROBINSON**

WITH the credit crunch biting into once note-filled wallets across the country, the allure of top-quality 'free entertainment' is stronger than ever.

And so I bring you news of the 18th annual Faversham International Hop Festival, being held in the historic market town on Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31.

Festival organisers have lined up a record number of bands, street entertainers, craft stalls and children's activities for the free weekend – with the number of acts booked on the live stages alone more than doubling any previous year's efforts.

Organiser Catherine Herbert said: "We're really proud that visitors can see live music for free at the festival, particularly now we are all feeling the effects of the credit crunch."

One of the weekend's biggest draws is former Average White Band star Hamish Stuart, who has toured with half of The Beatles, namely Paul McCartney and later Ringo Starr.

Mr Stuart, who has also penned tracks for the likes of Diana Ross and Smokey Robinson in his distinguished career, will be joined by the likes of The Hot Rats and Happy Trails, fresh from their well-received offerings at Broadstairs Folk Week.

Home-grown talent will be provided by artists such as Martin Young, Abbey School Band Elicium, Three Blind Mice and the Hop Festival Band.

The Continent will also be represented, with Belgian bands Follia and Trommelfluit and French group Sur Les Docks braving the oft-choppy conditions of the Channel to perform.

A whole host of pubs and clubs across Faversham have agreed to stage bands and exhibitions, something which has impressed Catherine Herbert.



AT THE HOP: The Faversham line-up includes Follia (top), Happy Trails (above left) and Hamish Stuart (above right), formerly of the Average White Band, pictured in concert during his days touring with the legendary Paul McCartney

She said: "The town has really entered into the spirit of things. The Bear pub is serving 'Hop Pickers' Fayre' for hungry festival-goers, and there is a great photographic exhibition coming up at the Drill Hall in Preston Street called A Year in the Life of Faversham.

"We are thrilled that so many people in the town are as excited about the Hop Festival as we are.


"With music to suit eclectic tastes, children's

entertainers, professional street theatre, stilt walkers, Morris dancing, craft fare and ceilidh, it's a weekend for family and friends to enjoy."

Programmes for the festival cost £1 and are now on sale at all good retailers and pubs across the town.

• For more information, visit www.swale.gov.uk/hopfestival.

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In the summer your nails can look and feel tired as the dry weather causes your nails to crack and be more likely to be drier, it is therefore good to moisturise on a regular basis.

The misconception is that aloe vera or a good hand cream is just for the skin, but it helps keep your nails strong too.

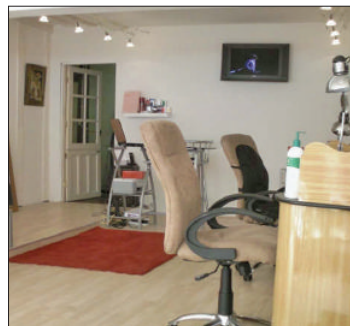
A hot paraffin wax treatment is also very good to revitalise dull nails and cuticles,

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She worked after school and at weekends and enjoyed the experience so much she took a place at college to study for an NVQ in hairdressing. While studying she

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TOP TIPS

The Beautiful Nails Studio

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BY TOM BETTS

IT'S not unusual for TV channels to recycle old ideas in the hunt to fill air time.

All the channels do it and the results vary. Think about it: for every well-received update of a concept such as Doctor Who, there's an updated Crossroads.

Even those travelling cooks, the Hairy Bikers, owe a certain something to the Two Fat Ladies – and I'm not just talking about facial hair.

It is with that in mind that we look at Tonightly, the topical news comedy show currently battling it out with all manner of other nonsense for your pre-bedtime viewing attention.

This is undoubtedly a homage – or straight rip-off, if you prefer – to The Eleven O'Clock Show, so successful in the late 90s and early 2000s.

Jason Manford, who occasionally raises a laugh on the sporadically amusing Eight Out Of Ten Cats, hosts, with Andi Osho stepping into the sidekick role, once occupied by mucky-mouthed redhead Daisy Donovan.

The pair do their best to satirise current events and there a few nice one-liners scattered about, but it's rarely anything more than a one-joke show and some of the edgier comments border on the plain distasteful.

I'm no Mary Whitehouse, but jokes about the events in Georgia just hours after it had all begun were too close to the bone.

If people are being blown apart on the news hours beforehand, you had at least got to make your joke funny or



TITTER YE NOT: Jason Manford, host of Channel 4's topical new comedy Tonightly, fails to deliver

make some kind of point, but Manford managed neither.

What seemed edgy just a few years ago now passes as unimaginative and the world seems to have moved on a bit.

The puerile humour that once got a few titters seems dated and pointless.

While its predecessor launched both Ali G and Ricky Gervais into the mainstream, this effort is unlikely to do the same for its stars.

Has anyone caught up with Neighbours since it jumped ship to Channel Five? The always beautiful people of Erinsborough (an anagram of Neighbours – bet you didn't know that!) are the latest TV subjects to make the switch to high definition.

Each episode now bears a closer resemblance to a Hollywood blockbuster rather than a tea-time soap.

While we should be grateful for such high production values, it does make you wonder if Lou Carpenter and Harold Bishop in such flawless scope is a good idea, with dinner just hitting the table.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU'RE no longer intent on presenting a particular image to the public. It feels false and deceptive. Brutal honesty is the name of the game now. You may be shocked to learn your friends have known about your secret for a long time. Their forgiveness will be an inspiration to you.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

A PROMINENT person at work could be leaving for greener pastures. Take this opportunity to expand your skills. The more expert your knowledge, the easier it will be to take their place. If you don't want to continue working for your employer you may decide to go on a trip.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU could learn something shocking about a partner. It appears as though they have been harbouring a deep secret. Maybe it's because they knew you couldn't handle the truth. Now you're faced with the choice of ending your relationship or forging a new one based on honesty.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

SOMETHING you prize could go missing or get broken. It will take a long time to recover from this loss. Good news from a friend is cause for celebration. Be sure to mark this occasion with a night on the town. Investigate moving to a new home or different neighbourhood.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

SOME private business could become public, which proves embarrassing. Instead of apologising, change your behaviour. People's faith in you will be restored once they see you are serious about correcting past mistakes. Lean on an older friend for guidance.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR philosophy of life could be challenged by startling events. All of the sudden, you're calling all of your assumptions into question. Mending fences with a rebellious relative is finally possible. At last you're able to understand why they behaved as they did.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU'RE about to experience a big change. It may be impossible to continue with a particular job. Hidden clauses or new responsibilities will make this position very difficult for you, but don't worry you'll be able to embark on a path that is much more enjoyable and creative.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

GARBLD instructions could force you to change the way you do business. It's important to nip such miscommunications in the bud, or you could lose even more money and clients. Fortunately, you have some attractive new products and services on offer.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOU could leave a group quite suddenly this week. It feels as though the people involved fooled you as to their motives. You no longer want to be associated with this organisation. Ending your ties to these people could improve your career prospects.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

RESPONSIBILITIES toward another person could finally come to an end. Although this comes as a relief, a small part of you still wants to be needed. This is a lovely time to go on a short trip. Your health is about to undergo a tremendous improvement.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

DEALINGS with a child or lover could undergo some significant changes. It's time to take them off the pedestal you've put them on. Relatives can lend welcome perspective to this situation. Don't let a bully make you feel guilty about this expenditure. It will be money well spent.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

A JOB or source of income could come to an end. Don't bother trying to find out what happened. There may be hidden forces at work here. You could be asked to act as a consultant. You've accumulated lots of expertise over the years. Now it's time to capitalise on it.

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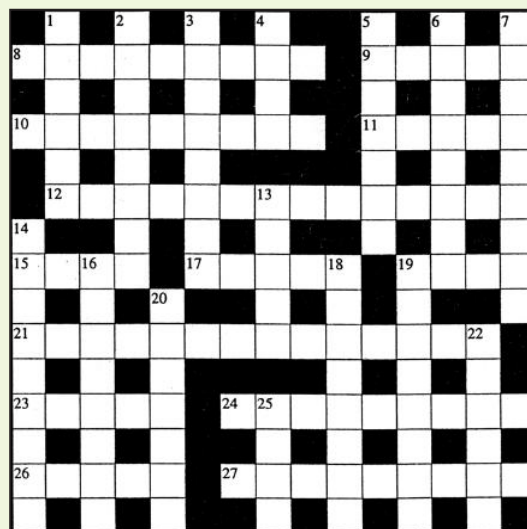
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- 9 Had a challenge inside country house (5)
- 10 Truck with boat about to park here (5,4)
- 11 Spent £1 in obtaining tartan cloth (5)
- 12 Does it need reply from a heavyweight? (6,8)
- 15 On the way back, slightly open for prince (4)
- 17 A team award for widely accepted principle (5)
- 19 Hay is shortly said to be producing mistiness (4)
- 21 Leander, a devotee? (4-10)
- 23 Bird be entering mountainous region (5)
- 24 Picture ordinary photograph with vitality (5-4)
- 26 Yawning hollow has appeared in many a mountain to start with (5)
- 27 Mentions a new state (9)

DOWN

- 1 Open out a French register (6)
- 2 Lady included one nickname of Queen Elizabeth I (8)
- 3 Serve a writ as one pub collapses (8)
- 4 Ever changing swerve (4)
- 5 Fatty reorganised aid put forward (7)
- 6 After science, one had a twitch, a bout of neuralgia (8)
- 7 Entertainer can depart upset (3-6)
- 13 Departs on equal terms (5)
- 14 Person having constructive ideas (9)
- 16 Very large bottle for old king (8)
- 18 Principal train-bearer (4,4)
- 19 Vain aspiration Leslie South produced (8)
- 20 Pair on occasion deceive (3-4)
- 22 Disprove a less remarkable feature (6)
- 25 Cotton on small branch (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Combining with oxygen (9)
- 9 About (anag.) (1-4)
- 10 Magic words (3-6)
- 11 Cassava (5)
- 12 Prone to pilfering (6-8)
- 15 Placed above (4)
- 17 King or queen (5)
- 19 Leak slowly (4)
- 21 Start of a formal letter (4,3,2,5)
- 23 Scoundrel (5)
- 24 Country building (9)
- 26 Bottle (5)
- 27 Crazy out (anag.) (4,1,4)

DOWN

- 1 Surplus (6)
- 2 Approval (8)
- 3 Naked runner (8)
- 4 Tie (4)
- 5 Charge for use of wharf (7)
- 6 Musical composition (8)
- 7 Sat across (9)
- 13 Sheet of paper (5)
- 14 Vibrating (9)
- 16 Greenhouse (8)
- 18 Bring to mind (8)
- 19 Matriarch (3,5)
- 20 Escorted (7)
- 22 Hit snooker ball wrongly (6)
- 25 Affirm (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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DOWN: 2 Upas 3 Ladies man 4 Parley 5 Norwich 6 Intaglio 7 Troll 8 Transfixed 12 Jack-the-lad 15 Menagerie 16 Blowhole 18 Nostril 20 Mildew 22 Tinct 23 Marc.

QUICK SOLUTION No50

Across: 1 Excess 2 Adoption 3 Ruler 19 Ooze 21 Bear Sir or Madam 23 Rogue 24 Farmhouse 26 Nerve 27 Cole d
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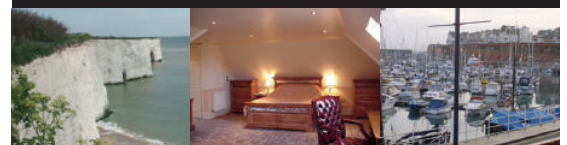
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BY RICHARD CRANIDGE

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But in the bustling main street of the Moroccan town of Ourzazat, across the High Atlas mountains from Marrakech, the cheerful pep talk from our guide was intended to prepare us for the challenges that lay ahead.

Over bread and croissants at breakfast, our guide gave us his three golden rules: 1 Don't drink the water. 2 Don't buy food from dodgy street stalls. 3 Always ask before taking photos of locals (not that they'll want to thump you, but they might demand a few dirhams in appearance fees).

With that, we were off on a 300-mile trek spanning seven rather hectic days – safe in the hands of our trusty minibus driver.

The sun beats down mercilessly on this country for most of the year, with the average rainfall for September just 0.3in and an average temperature of 31°C. Yet in the midst of the arid plains and hills, rivers occasionally force their way to the surface, providing oases and vital agricultural land.

Within these pockets of green, villagers who



SUITED TO THE SAHARA: Camels have a reputation for being grumpy... but they're just what you need in the desert

live in traditional adobe dwellings – made from baked mud and straw – grow dates, melons, figs and apricots for sale in local markets.

Eventually, however, most of the water dries up and the Sahara stretches out for thousands of miles as far as the Red Sea.

At the outpost town of Zagora, we left behind the minibus for the traditional means of transport of the Sahara.

Despite their amazing feats of endurance, camels have gained a reputation for being smelly and grumpy, but the ones that took our group of 15, bags and bedding on a two-hour trek into the desert certainly didn't put me off the beasts.

It gave the next stop on our tour a tough act to follow, but a place used as a film set for

Gladiator, Lawrence of Arabia and a host of other films is bound not to disappoint.

Our accommodation in the mountains was rather more basic, what the Moroccans call a gite, which would probably just pass the youth hostel test in Britain. However, what it lacked in facilities, it more than made up for in character.

Next day, as a cooling breeze blew in from the south, we enjoyed a walk up into the mountains.

Just a few hours later, we found ourselves standing in the central square of Djemaa El Fna in Marrakech. Fifty miles away, it seemed like a whole world away in its bustling busy-ness.

Morocco provides a magnificent assault on the senses. I will definitely return before the sands of time run out – and it is dragged into the 21st century by nearby Europe.

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Religion	Islam
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Lauryl is a young woman from a small town in Indiana who moves to Chicago with dreams of entering the Chicago School of Music and Dance. But after rejection and a series of misfortunes she finds herself working in a burlesque club. The club proves to be a place of conflict and self-discovery, helping Lauryl to realise that even though plans might change, dreams never do.

STAR WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG)



Just when you thought the Star Wars bandwagon had finally ground to a halt on the silver screen, here comes the first computer-animated movie in the saga. The Clone Wars is set on the front lines of an intergalactic struggle between good and evil, and fans will join such favourite characters as Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Padmé Amidala.

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG)



In 1939 London, Miss Guinevere Pettigrew (Frances McDormand) is a middle-aged governess who, finding herself once again unfairly dismissed from her job, realises she must seize the day and applies to be a social secretary. Arriving at a penthouse apartment for the interview, she is catapulted into the glamorous world of actress and singer Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams).

Don't mess with Adam

BY SARAH O'MEARA

AS Adam Sandler chases a terrorist along an Israeli beach, his hairy, muscled torso glistens in the sun.

While the Jewish-born comic actor will always be more Austin Powers than James Bond, there's no denying those muscles are real.

America's favourite goofy guy has clearly been working out for his latest film, *You Don't Mess With The Zohan*.

He's usually famous for his slapstick schtick, but this time Sandler – the film's lead actor, producer and writer – has decided to push both himself and the boundaries of comedy to the limit.

In *You Don't Mess With The Zohan*, Sandler plays Zohan Dvir, an Israeli commando who wants to become a hairdresser. After faking his own death, Tel Aviv's finest counterterrorist heads to Manhattan armed just with a book of 1980s hairstyles and a desire to make all hair 'silky-smooth'.

Although many of Sandler's 20 films over the past decade, such as *The Waterboy*, *50 First Dates* and *Spanglish*, have catered for a mainstream audience, his more recent movies have had certain critics gnawing at their hot-dogs.

Last year's *I Now Pronounce You* Chuck & Larry delved into the subject of gay marriage and *You Don't Mess With The Zohan* focuses on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Adam says the idea for the movie – which features a disproportionate amount of jokes about Jews, terrorists, Arabs, goats and hummus – came to him many years ago.

"I had this Israeli guy who used to cut my hair and I always used to ask him questions about the Israeli army. And he would fix my hair while mentioning missions



DON'T MESS IT UP: Sandler plays a counterterrorist who wants to be a hairdresser

he was on and stuff." But although he wrote the movie almost 10 years ago, the events of 9/11 pushed the script to the bottom of the pile.

It was only when other comedians began poking fun at sensitive subjects that he thought the movie was ready.

"We were consciously trying to do our own thing," he says.

"But I do think *Borat* is one of the funniest movies. I tried to make sure we didn't do *Borat*, but I'm sure on occasion we went a bit 'Boraty'."

Adam's character, The Zohan, has a legendary reputation for

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thwarting terrorists, womanising and disco-dancing. The 41-year-old followed a strict workout regime to bring his alter-ego to life.

"He worked out every single day for five months," says director Dennis Dugan. "And moaned about it every single day."

"Then when we shot for 100 days, he worked out every single day of the shoot and moaned about it every single day."

It's clear from his friendly, intimate tone that he and Adam get on well. Adam is well known for working with his friends; and luckily the famous actor can count some of the best of Hollywood's comedy talent among his mates.

The *You Don't Mess With The Zohan* production team includes writers Robert Smigel and Judd Apatow (*Knocked Up*) and actors Rob Schneider and John Turturro.

"Many years ago I lived with Judd Apatow, and Rob [Schneider] was right across the street," Adam explains.

"Apatow was best friends with Jim Carrey and we all hung out."

"Ben Stiller and all those guys – we all hung out in the same crappy apartment."



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PROPERTY NEWS

Confusion clouds minimum targets

GOVERNMENT proposals for minimum housing requirements could harm the environment and stretch transport, schools, energy and water supplies to breaking point, says the South East England Regional Assembly's planning committee.

Newly-elected committee chairman Cllr Moira Gibson has written to Housing Minister Caroline Flint calling for certainty on the number of homes expected from local authorities.

The Government says annual housing targets are now the minimum that each council should deliver up until 2026.

However, Cllr Gibson, a Conservative, said this would prevent realistic assessments of the environmental impact of new homes and infrastructure.

She said: "A target should be a long-term goal, not a starting point. Otherwise housing allocations could be exceeded without the impacts on infrastructure, the environment and the community having been tested."

"Government could be creating unnecessary problems by saying the targets are minimums and not allowing authorities the flexibility to spread housing delivery across a number of years."

"This will prevent councils planning properly for the future and create unsustainable developments."

Vice-chairman Cllr Jerry Patterson, a Liberal Democrat, said: "Apart from problems with sustainability, minimum housing targets are unrealistic. Local authorities can grant planning permission for homes but have no control over whether or not developers build them."

Southern comfort over house prices

PROPERTY prices in the South East are likely to remain reasonably strong despite the economic downturn, according to market analysts Knight Frank.

The area – which includes Kent but also takes in London – will do well because of the sheer number of people who live there, say the experts.

Company spokesman Liam Frank said: "The strongest markets over the next few years will be London and the South East due to the weight of demand for accommodation."

The overall market has seen a downturn in recent months, but the very latest figures from the Halifax indicate that this may be slowing down and the sector stabilising.



BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS: Buying a property for your student offspring as a medium-term investment is becoming increasingly attractive, but take care to avoid the pitfalls

What could possibly go wrong, daddy?

AN INCREASING number of parents are benefiting from investing in a student property to help out their children at university, say leading lawyers Moore Blatch.

Market analysts have said the price of accommodation in university towns is low enough to attract investors who feel they can provide for their children and then make a profit if they later decide to sell on.

The fluctuating market is another attraction as many feel that house prices will be increasing again within three or four years – the usual time for a degree course.

Estate agents in Canterbury said they had seen an increase in enquiries when it came to

flats usually rented to University of Kent students.

The Medway towns have seen a similar interest in properties close to the Greenwich university campus.

Last year an estimated 3,000 parents in the UK bought a house or flat for a family member to live in while studying and, as property prices fall and rents are on the increase, the idea of buying a cheap property for their student offspring is becoming increasingly attractive.

Market experts say the following advantages can be gained:

- Arrangements could be structured in such a way that any gains in property prices are free of Capital Gains Tax.
- A suitable trust structure can protect the asset from reckless behaviour.

- Rent-a-room relief allows the child to rent out rooms to fellow students for up to £4,250 a year tax-free – equivalent to a mortgage of almost £80,000.

- Other rental income will be charged at the student's personal tax band, which is likely to be basic rate.

Andy Kirby, manager at Moore Blatch solicitors, said: "Many desirable flats are currently being sold at a discount in university towns due to an oversupply and a scarcity of new buy-to-let investors."

"With rental costs still high, parents should consider the pros and cons of buying rather than renting. A word of caution, however: it is essential to place the property in a suitable trust arrangement such that the offspring cannot take reckless decisions."

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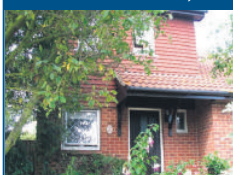
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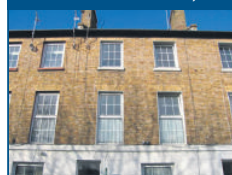
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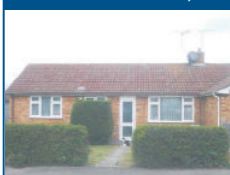
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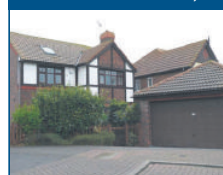
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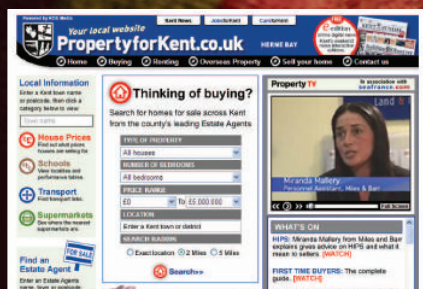
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MOTORS NEWS



Qashqai all-rounder now attacks the Zafira

NISSAN'S sales success with its Qashqai all-rounder was virtually guaranteed by axing three cars to make way for it.

The dull Almera family hatch, Primera family car and ailing Tino MPV all went, but their replacement competes so well on so many levels as part family hatch-back, part family wagon, part SUV and part MPV, while all-wheel drive models can even hack it a little off-road.

And now Nissan wants to add seven-seat midi-MPV power in the sector dominated by the Vauxhall Zafira, by offering the new Qashqai+2 in October from £17,199.



Latest Cayman poses 911 query over style

PORSCHE'S mid-range Cayman model has a new flagship – the S Sport, on sale from September 13 at £48,890.

Derived from the long-running Boxster roadster in 2005, the Cayman proved so successful that some experts queried whether it threatened the German sporting marque's 'icon' – the legendary rear-engine 911.

The new Cayman's flat-six boxer engine has 12bhp more power than the standard Cayman S and even looks like a 911 GT3 RS when decked out in that model's trademark orange or green with side flashes, as pictured.



Leaner, greener, beamer

BMW'S most affordable croptop – the 1-Series Convertible – has two leaner and greener options.

They are the 118d and 123d (from £23,660) with the former featuring BMW's most economical four-cylinder diesel ever; an engine that has won the title of World Green Car of the Year for the 1-Series hatchback.

In the convertible, the 1,995cc turbodiesel produces 143bhp, a 0-62mph time of 9.5 seconds, plus a top speed of 129mph, but also averages nearly 60mpg and emits just 129g/km of CO2.



A LITTLE GEM: Nissan has steadily massaged the Micra's exterior detailing to make it more unisex after early versions suffered from a feminine look, there is even a raunchy SR model

Celebrate 25 years with the latest Nissan Micra

NISSAN'S Micra supermini has just celebrated 25 years and the third generation car looks as fresh as ever.

The term 'modtro' was coined for launch advertising in 2002, neatly capturing the car's mixture of modern and retro style repeated more recently by the reborn Fiat 500 and is sure to herald more small fashion models.

It was not always like this; the original 1983 vintage Micra was about as conventional as a supermini could be and was virtually ignored at its British Motor Show debut.

Nissan had the last laugh though when this car became the platform for several limited edition vehicles, two of which are sought after second-hand by UK buyers even now – the Figaro and the snail-shaped S-Cargo van.

No doubt spurred on by these funky creations, the 1992 second generation car had a distinctive 'over-inflated' rounded style of its own that also marked a major expansion of the Nissan site at Sunderland.

The current car might be six years old, but is perhaps even more contemporary now that it

has the Fiat 500 for company.

Dynamically, it also stands comparison with the newer model, but its age is starting to show against other modern rivals in terms of driving enjoyment and on-road refinement.

That said, the Micra remains one of the best value cars in its class and is well-built with generous specifications.

Nissan has also steadily massaged exterior detailing to make it more unisex after early versions suffered from a rather more feminine look. Indeed, there is even a pair of 'warmed-up' and raunchy SR performance models.

The engine range is one of the finest in the sector, making it quite tough to decide on the best option: the Renault-derived 1.5dCi diesel is tempting for economy and power but price and the current diesel versus petrol price differential argues against it.

My preference is the bargain basement 1.2 petrol as tested here; it is good on fuel, keeps you in a sensible road tax band (band-C – £120/year) and starts at just £7,700 in junior Visia spec – high spec Tekna versions start from £10,800.

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ROAD TEST NISSAN MICRA

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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

ROAD TAX AND FUEL SAVERS

Soaring fuel prices and a hike in road tax charges have combined with the credit crunch to force a reality check on Britain's drivers. The good news is that you do not have to buy new to slash your motoring costs even if used prices on the best economy cars have boomed while 'gas guzzler' values have gone bust. Our choice here mixes two ultimate misers with the Mini D as a 'left field' candidate that might cost more to buy, but will preserve your wallet and street cred.

MINI D



USED values for the frugal yet lively diesel version of BMW's reborn Mini are steep, but the rewards are worth it; the car drives well, oozes class, will save money while you run it and be worth more when you sell. The downside is a relatively cramped interior in comparison with its exterior – the antithesis of its all-British forebear – and rarity when buying. A late 'Mark II' petrol version with BMW's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package is a possible alternative though.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S five-door city car shows that a highly space-efficient interior does not have to result in a utilitarian exterior. The compact Italian is also decent to drive, cheap to insure and costs peanuts to run. The original Panda of the 1980s was also cheap and cheerful, but didn't feature the cutting edge technology of its modern day counterpart. A lively turbodiesel – averaging more than 65mpg – and a rugged little 4x4 option only add to the Panda's powerful attractions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 107



PEUGEOT'S smallest model is the best-seller of a joint venture three and five-door city car project that also spawned the Toyota Aygo and Citroën C1. All come from the same production line in the Czech Republic and, with minor styling tweaks, are modern, stylish, cheap to run and reliable. Launch prices were not as cheap as expected, but robust new car sales and second-hand values indicate that the public is willing to pay to save money and the planet.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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2004	04	Corsa Energy	12	5	Silver lightening	19,000	4,895	2007	57	Combo	1.30 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,495+VAT
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	12	3	Silver	34,700	5,595	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		Black	Delivery	£13,495+VAT
2007	07	New Corsa Life	12	3	Silver lightening	12,100	6,995	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		White	Delivery	£10,995+VAT
2007	57	New Corsa Sxi CDTi	170	5	Star silver	8,800	10,995	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		White	Delivery	£11,495+VAT
SIGNUM								2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		Black	Delivery	£13,495+VAT
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	22	5	Oyster	50,375	5,495	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		White	Delivery	£11,495+VAT
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	22	5	Star silver	36,500	5,995	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		White	Delivery	£11,495+VAT
2007	57	Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav	190	5	Star silver	9,950	14,995	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		White	Delivery	£11,995+VAT
MERIVA								2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		White	Delivery	£11,995+VAT
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2007	57	Meriva VXR	16	5	Arden blue	2,680	12,495	2007	57	Astravan	170		White	5,445	£7,995+VAT
2008	08	Meriva Breeze	14	5	Black sapphire	3,550	9,995	2007	07	Astravan	19 CDTi		Moonland	25,000	8,495+VAT
AGILA								2007	57	Combo	1.30 CDTi		White	13,475	£6,995+VAT
2001	51*	Agila Energy	12	5	Green tea	76,350	2,595	2007	57	Combo	1.3 CDTi		White	3,400	£7,795+VAT
ASTRA								2007	07	Combo	1.3 CDTi		White	4,600	£6,495+VAT
2003	53	Astra Elegance Estate	22	5	Star silver	42,000	4,995	2007	07	Combo	1.30 Crew van		White	8700	£7,995+VAT
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2005	05	Astra Club E/T	16	5	Silver lightening	11,350	6,695	2007	57	Movano	2.50CDTi		White	10,300	£12,995+VAT
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2005	55	Astra CDTi Sxi	190	5	Silver	35,300	7,995	2005	55	Corsa SXi A/c	12	3	Silver lightening	69,000	4,295
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2007	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	130	5	Panacotta	8,225	11,995	2008	08	Astra Sxi Ex pack	190	5	Silver	5,000	14,995
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi	170	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295	2008	08	Astra Excl IS200 Conv	190	2	Black	8,000	16,995
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2005	05	Zafira Life	18	5	Ultra blue	38,250	6,650	2004	04	Meriva Energy	16	5	Silver	44,000	5,295
2005	05	Zafira Design	16	5	Star silver	39,000	6,495	2008	08	Meriva Design MTA	16	5	Steel blue	TBA	12,695
2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	16	5	Flame red	31,650	7,995	2005	55	Vectra Excl CDTi Est	190	5	Stars silver	21,000	8,250
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PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER FOR CORONER'S REMOVALS - KENT & MEDWAY (10 GEOGRAPHICAL CONTRACT AREAS)

Kent County Council on behalf of HM Coroner wishes to invite tender submissions for Coroner's Removals throughout Kent and Medway. The contract is for the removal of bodies from place of death to a hospital mortuary. The contract is of four years duration commencing 1 February 2009.

Tenders are invited from funeral directors who must have the facilities to be at the place of death within one hour from receipt of request to attend. Funeral directors must have been trading for at least three years and must be able to provide a 24 hour, 365 days a year service.

Organisations wishing to apply for tender documentation should apply via the advert on: www.businessportal.sece.gov.uk

If you are experiencing problems, please email eoi@kent.gov.uk or apply in writing to Strategic Procurement Unit, 3.21 Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

Deadline for tender responses: 12 noon on Monday, 22 September 2008.

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WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

LOOKIN 4 A GUY WHO'S EASY ON THE EYE!

25yr old female, 5ft8, medium-curved body, NS, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, WLTW, tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship, maybe LTR. Box 442644

ANOTHER GLASS?

28yr old female, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft10, slim, attractive, GSOH, seeks nice gentleman for companionship and happy times. Box 440218

IF YOU CAN REACH, TAKE ME OFF THE SHELF!

Petite, dark-haired, blue-eyed female, 30, fun and friendly, bright and bubbly. Bored of being single, looking for a lovely man to take me out! Box 895349

WE COULD MAKE IT HAPPEN

Relaxed redhead, 32yr old, 5ft4, enjoys theatre, meals, cosy nights in, WLTW a male, 30-42, for a happy relationship. Box 308734

YOU WON'T REGRET IT
Curvy brunette, 5ft4, hazel eyes, single mum, looking for that special passionate and caring man to share good times with. Box 443256

THE NURSE WILL SEE YOU NOW...

Laid-back yet outgoing nurse, 33, 5ft2, faithful, happy, love swimming, the gym, seeking similar down-to-earth male, 35-50, for hopeful relationship. Box 442916

ANIMAL MAGIC!

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-36, for LTR. Box 440782

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041

SENSUAL HEALING?

I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

DON'T PASS ME BY
Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mum, 38, 5'6", likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614

ATTRACTIVE

Honest, hard-working female, 36, enjoys most things, seeks similar male for love and romance. Box 374656

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

TAKE A CHANCE

Caring, loving, attractive female, 41, NS, size 12, enjoys keeping fit, most things, seeks romantic, passionate, tall, good looking male, 35-42, for LTR. Eastbourne. Box 807291

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunet, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW NS man to share things with. Box 423882

MOVING ON FROM FRIENDSHIP

Hi I'm 45, 5ft6, largish build, blue eyes, non-smoker/driver, devoted mum, seeking male to share life with, walks, beaches and more. Canterbury. Box 440692

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Slender, blonde female, 46, 5ft11, easy-going, happy natured, seeking LTR with a caring, committed man who enjoys cinema, eating out, reading, DVDs and more. Box 443216

NO GAME-PLAYERS!

Hi, I'm 46, MSc, laughter, sensitivity, and love, I guess that's what I want, but with someone special, are you him? Box 156956

ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes dogs, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397

LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTW gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397

SANDY SEEKS DANNY

Slender, blonde female, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc. GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100

TOGETHER, FOREVER?

Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783

ALL THAT I NEED
Young, tall, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER

Professional female, 49, brunet, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunet, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW a nice lady to see where life takes us! Box 893562

FANCY A RIDE?

Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curly, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 888680

SOPHISTICATED SUE

Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTW a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309

NEW!

Quick, easy way to view a member's photo!
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NEVER ASKING FOR MUCH

Fun-loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays, cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous, looking for a real man. Box 903560

GIVE & TAKE

Happy, contented, well-balanced lady, 59, 5ft4, medium build, not ugly(!), love the countryside, pets, theatre, dining out. WLTW gentleman with similar lifestyle initially. Box 441201

NEW FOUNDATIONS

Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection/TLC. Box 394179

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

Widow, early 60s, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, medium build, NS, loving, caring, no ties, enjoys travel, socialising, eating in/out, seeking similar man to share life. Box 441177

NEVER TOO LATE

Young, active, outgoing, sociable female, 64, looking for a life partner, someone to share experiences, special moments and more with. Box 443332

Women seeking women

CUTE SMILE

Tracey, 23, 5ft2, green eyes, slim, laid-back, enjoys meals out, pubs and clubs, WLTW a similar female for a relationship. Box 443248

ROCKING RELATIONSHIP

I'm 42, medium build, short brown hair, brown eyes, looking to meet fun-loving females for potential relationship. Box 889781

CANDLELIT CUDDELES!

40-year-old gay man, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in, WLTW gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541

THIS CHARMING MAN
Modest, sincere male, 43, active, outgoing, spontaneous and charming with GSOH, seeks funny and happy lady for companionship and hopefully more. Canterbury. Box 441705

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

43yr old lad, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, GSOH, seeks lass, 30-40, to share some good times with. Eastbourne. Box 443403

BE THERE NOW

Old romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, WLTW female to settle down with and love. Box 443410

ALL THINGS BRIGHTON BEAUTIFUL

Intelligent male, 43, 5'9", GSOH, homecar, slim, enjoys meals out, walks, good wine, socialising, seeks serious, attractive female, 28-40, for initial friendship, fun, hopefully more. Brighton. Box 437707

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 889697

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Hi, I'm Steve, 44, NS, single dad, romantic, trusting, honest and genuine, seeking similar woman for TLC. Box 901155

NEAT & TIDY

Content, loyal, laid-back, divorced, 6ft male, 45, slim, professional, WLTW slim, pretty, non-smoking, family-oriented female, 38-45, for a loving relationship. Box 441611

WHY WAIT?

Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Hailsham. Box 409782

IN YOUR EYES

Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421654

SOUND GOOD?

Hi there, I'm 47, 6ft, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking a lovely lady 30-45 for possible relationship. Box 439919

BE MY BABY

Greying male with blue eyes, 49, 5ft9, in good shape, enjoys golf, good conversation, drives, walks, travelling, seeking loving, affectionate, tactile lady for lasting romance. Box 443398

READ THIS!

50yr old man, looking for black lady, 30-60, I like eating in and out, walks, music, cinema, a laugh. I like what you read? Box 439057

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

Busy business man, 50, medium build, enjoys cooking and eating out, WLTW female, 40-49, to wine, dine and entertain. Box 443282

SHY GUY

Tall, non-smoking, non-drinking male, 51, enjoys the countryside, seeking a nice lady for friendship and maybe more later on. Box 443364

DO WE FIT TOGETHER?

Frank, 41, a carpenter, 6ft1, very down to earth, looking for a friend-ship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439553

GILLINGHAM GENTLEMAN

Laid-back, 40yr old single dad of 2, like country walks, going out, socialising, seeks female, GSOH, for friendship, possibly relationship. Gillingham. Box 409834

JUST WANTING LOVE

I'm 42, medium build, 5ft10, not fat lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440021

CRAZY FOR YOU

Attractive and considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks special lady to take out & spend time with. Eastbourne. Box 442191

LOVE TODAY
Single dad, 52, enjoys cooking, pubs, sport and music, WLTW a mature and curvy lady, 40-58, for friendship and romance. Box 443275

TRUE LOVES WAYS

Attractive male, 52, enjoys eating out, theatre and walks, WLTW a young female with similar interest for friendship and romance. Box 443063

FRIENDLY

Active male, 49, tall, slim, enjoys socialising, eating in and out, country pursuits, seeks female, for love and romance. Box 103698

KEEP MOVING

Novice rollerblader, 53, 6ft, slim, fit, good looking (apparently), artistic, enjoys walking, jogging, art-house films, seeking slim, attractive, warm-hearted lady 45-55. Box 443414

BEEN HURT IN THE PAST

Romantic male, 54, 5ft6, medium build, GSOH, enjoys seaside walks, cinema, cosy nights in, WLTW a medium build lady, 40-50, for a relationship. East Sussex Box 443342

PERFECT GENTLEMAN

Widower, 5ft10, 53, GSOH, outgoing, fairly fit, genuine, sincere, scrub up well, like clubs, music, travel, holidays, WLTW nice female, 50-58, with similar outlook. Box 434562

NICE TIME WITH A NICE GUY?

Concise, sociable guy, 54, 5ft6, stocky, strong and fit. I work in antiques, and have a GSOH. I'm looking for a nice woman, 43-55. Box 428826

BOOGIE NIGHTS

Old-fashioned, traditional male, loyal, honest, 56, 5ft10, grown-up kids, likes the coast, country music, car fairs, various music, dining in/out. Box 431482

HELLO,

I'm Patrick, 61, 6ft2, reasonable looking, not fat, enjoys playing music and painting, NS, ohac, WLTW a smart, attractive female for companionship, maybe more. Bexhill-on-Sea Box 443435

GO FOR IT!

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Men seeking men

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35yr old male, looking for fun with an attractive man. I'm good looking, with a slim/medium build. Box 437652

BE WITH ME

Presentable, respectful male, 35, seeks similar lovely guy for dates and more. Box 888648

TO BUILD A FUTURE

Caring, happy, tactile man, 59, stocky build, seeks very feminine person/TV 58-72 for relationship and lots of TLC. Tunbridge. Box 441818

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MUSIC TO MY EARS

Outgoing female, 31, tall, skinny, like going out, eating out, socialising, walks, looking for a funny, blond gentleman with good looks for lasting companionship. Maidstone. Box 441023

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Website nominations wanted for awards

DEAL e-commerce firm Icelab has launched its own 2008 Ecommerce In Kent award.

It is inviting nominations for own shopping cart sites, web shops, or any other shopping cart sites based in Kent to info@ecommerceinkent.co.uk. The deadline is Tuesday, September 30.

The winning site owner will receive a two-night luxury midweek spa break, with dinner and bed and breakfast at Walletts Court Hotel.

The award will be judged by Caroline Chambers, of Channel Chamber of Commerce; Loris Loudon, of Hall Place Business Centre, Canterbury Christchurch University; Simon Teague, of Lashings World XI/Javelin Business Strategies; and David Bentley, of Business Link.

Roadside chain reports summer visitors boost

ROADSIDE restaurant chain Little Chef says there has been an increase in sales since mid-July due to the increase in Brits holidaying at home this year.

Little Chef, which celebrates its 50th birthday this year and has many sites in Kent, reports an average of an eight per cent rise in sales since the start of the school summer holidays.

Reasons are a combination of more cars on the road and a raised profile since the chain launched a marketing drive earlier this year and announced its partnership with Michelin-starred chef Heston Blumenthal.

Chief executive Ian Pegler said: "We expect the numbers to continue to rise during the rest of the holiday period."

Takeover jobs 'are safe'

STAFF at 28 stores in Kent belonging to supermarket chain Somerfield, which has been taken over by the Co-operative Group in a £1.57 billion deal, have been told their jobs are safe.

Somerfield's private equity owners - Barclays Capital, Apax Partners, property tycoon Robert Tchenguiz and Icelandic bank Kaupthing - bought the group in 2005 for £1.2 billion.

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MAKING HISTORY: View the new video for Chatham Dockyard

Head them off at the pass...

BY TONY PATEY

THE number of cowboy builders and employers of casual labour trading without insurance has risen sharply in recent months.

It is estimated that one in five tradespeople in Kent are risking heavy fines by working without cover.

Research by small business insurer Insurantz, a division of the Jardine LloydThompson Group, shows that thousands of uninsured companies are risking fines of up to £2,500 a day and even negligence claims against them. And many don't even know their statutory obligations.

The credit crunch has put thousands of construction jobs at risk, and tradesmen, from plumbers to plasterers, are increasingly expected to seek out *ad hoc* independent jobs - often working at a number of locations.

But if they operate without public liability and statutory employer's liability insurance, they'll be putting themselves on the line.

Julia Evans, chief executive of the National Federation of Builders, said: "As conditions become increasingly tough for smaller firms, Kent business owners will naturally want to cut down on overheads."

"But operating without adequate insurance cover exposes them to far greater levels of risk than a downturn."

Another consideration is damage or injury caused to third parties. Although some casual workers will be covered by main contractor's insurance, they may still need to carry public liability cover against damage to a third party property or injury through negligence.

Ms Evans said: "You cannot legally trade without employer's liability insurance, meaning you could face huge penalties or even prison if you fail to ensure you have this cover."

"Having no public liability insurance also makes you personally liable for being sued - meaning your own assets are at risk as well as your business's."

James Pickering, managing director of Insurantz, said: "Our research has revealed

that 29 per cent of small businesses run by tradespeople from Kent aren't aware of the statutory need for employer's liability if they employ anyone either on a full-time or casual basis.

"Failure in not taking out cover could result in fines of up to £2,500 a day and the potential of crippling costs for damages if anyone employed is injured. British builders must take action to make sure that they can trade safely."

Increasingly, small businesses and sole traders are using online services to make their lives quicker and easier. Tax returns are now completed online and Datamonitor research has recently highlighted that employer's liability is the type of cover most likely to be bought online.

Mr Pickering added: "Employer's and public liability are among the easiest of policies to buy."



KEEP ME COVERED: Cowboy builders could be riding for a fall - and heavy fines - if they operate without insurance

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No-show Spitfires let down the travelling hordes

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PACE IN THE PACK: Robbie Joseph's display was one positive for Kent

THOUSANDS of Kent Spitfires fans flocked to the home of cricket on Saturday morning for the county's first Lord's appearance in 11 years.

By the evening, many were probably wondering why they had bothered.

From the moment Kent captain Rob Key was wrongly given out for a phantom edge in the fifth over, the Spitfires handed the initiative to the Essex Eagles, who did not let go.

Key's dismissal was harsh, but none of the other nine batsmen who followed him back to the famous pavilion could blame misfortune.

Joe Denly was bowled by the impressive Graham Napier in the following over as the Spitfires were reduced to 19-2.

Martin van Jaarsveld and Justin

CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**Kent Spitfires 214 all out (50 overs)
Essex Eagles 218-5 (48.5 overs)**

Kemp steadied the innings briefly until the latter was bowled attempting to smash former Kent bowler David Masters out of the park. Darren Stevens, Geraint Jones and Azhar Mahmood also got out to poor shots when the situation needed them to knuckle down.

At 100-6 the contest looked embarrassingly one-sided, but van Jaarsveld (58), Ryan McLaren (63) and Yasir Arafat (27)

at least gave the Spitfires attack something to defend.

The Eagles had the luxury of knowing they could win without needing to take risks. After Mahmood made some amends for his poor show with the bat by dismissing both openers, Robbie Joseph briefly worried Essex.

The 26-year-old bowled with aggression and took the prize wickets of England pair Ravi Bopara and Alastair Cook. He later removed James Foster, but it did not spark the flurry of wickets Kent so desperately needed.

The match was eventually decided by Grant Flower, whose unbeaten 70 from 97 balls showed, in an age increasingly dominated by Twenty20 cricket, what can be achieved with patience and guile.

County take ECB to task over ruling

KENT are hoping to bring about a change in the England and Wales Cricket Board's regulations after high winds stopped play in last Tuesday's game at Canterbury.

Gusts of more than 40mph prevented the temporary floodlights from being used in the Pro40 match against Leicestershire.

As a result the umpires had no choice but to abandon the match just six overs into the visitors' reply.

Fans were unhappy the game was not shortened or started early so it could be finished without the use of lights, but neither are permitted.

The club have begun talks with the ECB to bring about a change to prevent a similar scenario in future.

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Final hurdle seems to be just too much

KENT'S defeat against Essex continued their poor record at Lord's.

Saturday's Friends Provident Trophy final was the first appearance of any kind in a Lord's final for 11 years, when Kent were hammered by Surrey in the Benson & Hedges Cup final.

In total, Kent have won just three finals in 11 appearances, losing on their last seven visits.

Their last triumph in a final at Lord's was in the 1978 Benson & Hedges Cup, when Bob Woolmer's 79 helped them to a six-wicket victory over Derbyshire.

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Picture: ADY KERRY

GOING, GOING, GONE: Joe Denly is bowled by Graham Napier to begin the Spitfires' batting problems on a disappointing day at Lord's as Kent struggled, eventually making just 214

Skipper berates team's performance with bat

DEJECTED Kent captain Rob Key could not hide his frustration after the Spitfires lost their second final in less than a month with a limp display on Saturday.

Several batsmen gave their wickets away as Kent were bowled out for 214 in the Friends Provident Trophy final.

Essex Eagles reached their victory target with relative ease in the 49th over to seal a five-wicket victory.

The defeat for Kent came exactly three weeks after narrowly losing the Twenty20 Cup final against Middlesex.

After the game Key was in no mood for diplomacy and felt the side would have to bounce back quickly to avoid ending a promising season empty-handed.

He said: "Individually, we need to start performing. A lot of times in cricket when you lose a couple of games everyone says 'Is it the

CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

warm-ups, is it this or is it that?", but it's not.

"Individually, you have got to sort your game out. If you're not scoring runs, find a way of doing it. I don't mean go to the nets every minute, just go and get some runs.

"I don't care how, just go and do it."

The Spitfires captain was unhappy with most aspects of his side's performance, but he was in no doubt that it was the mistakes made with the bat which were the most costly.

A succession of players were dismissed trying extravagant shots which were completely out of touch with the situation.

Key said: "Losing's not great when you have given everything you can give, but when you play that badly with the bat it's a waste of time, really.

"Turning up after all the build-up and everything, and we go and bat like that – it's a joke.

"We were just brainless with the shots we played. I know it's hero and villain and you can say 'Well, if I had hit it for four or six, then everyone would have clapped'... but they didn't.

"It was a tough wicket and how many of us were out defending? Not many. I just think we weren't very smart.

"The whole thing with one-day cricket is you go out and assess conditions as quickly as you can and you try to work out what a good score is. I know we all want to hit the ball for four and six, but sometimes you have just got to hang in there and settle for 250 or 230, or otherwise you are going to come unstuck."

Key's men get back to County Championship action today at Canterbury with the visit of Lancashire. The title race is wide open, with Kent in contention to win their first championship in 30 years.

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Brickies falter after dominant first half

FOOTBALL

BY YOURSWALE REPORTER

Sittingbourne 0 Kingstonian 4

GARY Abbott struggled to accept the margin of Sittingbourne's defeat to Kingstonian on the opening day of the season, after the Brickies outplayed their opponents in the first half.

"We should have been 3-0 up after half an hour," Abbott told Yourswale. "I just can't believe it. Tom Bradbrook worked so hard but missed a chance when everyone who saw it said it would have been easier to score."

"I don't want to criticise him because I feel sorry for him - I'm a striker and I've been there - it happens, but then Hicham Akhazzan missed another chance and we had another one after that."

Bradbrook's early miss, following some clever play by Richard Brady and Akhazzan, was followed by two good chances for Akhazzan and Bradbrook again.

Sittingbourne's profligacy proved decisive as Kingstonian took the lead against the run of play nine minutes before half-time, when Dean Lodge reacted first to turn in a rebound.

Ten minutes after the interval it was 2-0, with a brilliant volley by Bobby Traynor that Bourne keeper Rob French could only palm into the net.

Abbott admitted he had to gamble. "At 2-0 down we went for it. I threw men up front, but



Picture: CHRIS REEDAN

SQUANDERED: Tom Bradbrook's missed chances did not help Sittingbourne as they fell to a heavy defeat on opening day

for 10-15 minutes they overran us. We just lack that little bit of quality and experience."

On 72 minutes Kingstonian capitalised, forcing a corner that Max Hustwick headed in after being gifted the freedom of the penalty area by the Brickies' defence.

Sittingbourne continued to attack in gung-

ho fashion and Kingstonian punished them again in the dying seconds when Traynor rolled in Phil Williams' cross, to give the scoreline a distorted look.

• **Sittingbourne were away to Merstham on Tuesday night. For match report and all the latest news, log on to www.yourswale.co.uk.**



STRONG: Dame Kelly Holmes believes Lisa Dobriskey has the mental strength to deal with the occasion

Dame Kelly backs Dobriskey to shine

OLYMPICS/ATHLETICS

DOUBLE Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes believes Kent's 1500m medal hope Lisa Dobriskey is strong enough to deal with the expectation and the challenge of her first Olympics.

The 24-year-old reigning Commonwealth champion from Ashford has been in the form of her life this season, winning the Great Britain Trials and the London Grand Prix last month. Before leaving for the Team GB holding camp in Macau, she shattered her personal best by eight seconds in a mixed race during training.

The Beijing games are Dobriskey's first Olympics and Holmes has warned the pressure will be huge. She believes focusing on each round is the key to be successful in the pressure-cooker environment.

Holmes said: "The Olympics is completely different to any other competition and you have to treat it that way."

"Lisa will have to keep her feet on the ground, which can be very difficult to do at your first games. I have seen her, though, and think she has the head to deal with the occasion. She will be happy to make the final, but in the final anything can happen."

"Your first Olympics can be overwhelming, especially when you see the Olympic village, where all the world's best athletes stay. As a young athlete it can be quite daunting, so Lisa will have to deal with that."

Holmes competed in three Olympic Games, winning gold in the 800m and 1500m in Athens 2004, so is familiar with competing in a packed Olympic arena. Although it will be difficult at first, she believes Dobriskey will thrive in the atmosphere.

She added: "There aren't enough words to describe what Lisa will be going through. Firstly the nerves hit you, which is quite terrifying, but you have to put that to the back of your mind."

"Stepping out into the stadium with the crowd is amazing and one of the best experiences in athletics."

"Then there is pressure and expectation on you to perform as a potential medallist, which Lisa will have to deal with. It is a great experience which she will definitely learn from."

TV cameras fail to spur Town on to cup victory

FOOTBALL

Faversham Town 0
Horsham YMCA 2

FAVERSHAM Town's dreams of a significant run in the FA Cup were dashed at the first hurdle, as they fell to a defeat against a strong Horsham YMCA side.

Town were a mere 13 steps from Wembley and with Meridian TV agreeing to film this Extra Preliminary Round tie, the buzz generated attracted a healthy crowd of 268 to Salters Lane - the highest for any Kent club at this stage of the competition.

Sadly, the Lilywhites became the only Kent club in the round to lose on Saturday, as they fluffed their lines.

They acquitted themselves reasonably well in the first half but failed to take chances and fell behind when Manton scored for the Young Men four minutes before the interval.

Town struck the post in the second half, but against a side who were playing Ryman League football last season missed chances were likely to prove critical.

With just over a quarter of an



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

DREAMS DASHED: Faversham Town are out of the FA Cup

hour to play, Joseph added Horsham's second and the Sussex side denied Faversham any route back into the tie.

Town must now pick themselves up in time for Saturday's trip to Park View Road, where they take on Erith & Belvedere.

• **Norton Sports got their first points of the Kent League Premier Division season when they beat Beckenham Town 2-1 at home.**

I feel like I've been hit by a truck, says Shakey

MOTORCYCLING

SHANE 'Shakey' Byrne admitted he was lucky to escape unscathed from a 150 mph crash at Knockhill, but will be back in action at Cadwell Park this weekend.

The Sheppey rider lost control of his bike in wet conditions while leading at the Scottish circuit during the second race two weeks ago. His accident stopped the race, handing victory to Honda's Leon Haslam.

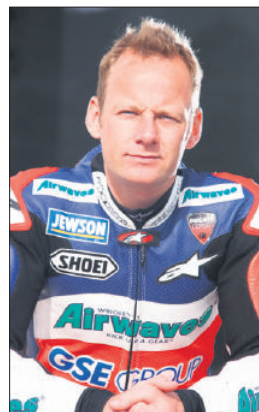
After a thorough check up revealed only cuts and bruises, Byrne vowed to continue his fight for the title by returning in the next round.

The 32-year-old is a fan of the tight and twisty Lincolnshire circuit and is determined to return to the top step of the podium.

He said: "I feel like I have been run over by a truck really, a bit second-hand you could say."

"As soon as I touched the brakes I was down and there was nothing I could do. When I initially went down I was travelling at 150mph, so to come away without a broken leg is amazing."

"I have had my fair share of good luck this year by winning races and passing backmarkers at



Picture: AIRWAVES DUCATI

BACK ON TRACK: Shane Byrne vows to return at Cadwell Park after horror smash

just the right time, so perhaps it is my time to have a bit of bad luck."

The Airwaves Ducati rider is still unsure over his future in the championship and a possible move to the World Superbike Championship next season has been reported. He has admitted that talks are ongoing, but is in no hurry to make a decision.

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